

Cabinet hits back over Westland

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday launched a counter-attack over the Westland affair by casting doubt on the competence of the Commons Select Committee on Defence to criticize the way Sir Robert Armstrong, the head of the Civil Service, and other senior officials had carried out their duties.

In a short Commons debate initiated by Mr Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP for Linlithgow, the Government rejected the committee's criticisms, in its report issued on Thursday, of Sir Robert and other staff at Downing Street and the Department of Trade and Industry involved in the leading of the Solicitor General's letter.

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Their criticisms were totally unfounded, according to ministers close to Mrs Thatcher. Sir Humphrey Atkins, the chairman, is the only member of the committee to have held cabinet rank. Mr John Gilbert, the senior Labour member, was Minister of State for Defence and Financial Secretary to the Treasury in the last Labour Government. Two

was always intended to be leaked to do down Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Secretary of State for Defence. He said that Mrs Thatcher, Mr Leon Brittan, the former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Ingham had cooked up the scheme of getting one of the law officers to send a letter which they intended to leak.

The specific charge against the Prime Minister was that the dirty work, the decision to leak, took place before it was suggested to the Solicitor General that he should write a letter. The affair showed that Mrs Thatcher "is unsuitable to lead one of the great parties of the country".

A review of the accountability of Civil Servants was urged yesterday after the select committee's report on the Westland helicopter affair. The call came from Mr John Ward, general secretary of the First Division Association, which represents top civil servants. "At the moment they are in an impossible position," Mr Ward, who described the report as "unfair", said.

"According to the conventions, Civil Servants are supposed to do what ministers tell them. If Parliament thinks that this is the wrong way of going about it, we need to start from scratch and discuss who is accountable to whom," Mr Ward said on BBC Breakfast Television.

other members are former junior ministers. In the Commons, Mr Luce said MPs should reflect upon the growing tendency for officials to be summoned before committees for their individual conduct to be examined. His remarks were preceded by another blistering personal attack on the Prime Minister by Mr Dalyell, who said the letter written by the Solicitor General, Sir Patrick Mayhew,

Mr Dalyell: onslaught on Mrs Thatcher.

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and his replacement, Bob Taylor, greeting the crowd.

Howe says peace bid should go on

From Michael Hornsby, Gaborone

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, insisted yesterday that his EEC peace mission in southern Africa was still worth pursuing despite scant evidence of progress and Thursday night's public verbal drubbing from President Kaunda of Zambia.

But for the first time Sir Geoffrey admitted that he might have nothing to show for his travels by the time of the Commonwealth conference in London on August 3-5, where Mrs Thatcher will be fighting a lone battle to stave off further economic sanctions against South Africa.

At a press conference at Lusaka airport en route to Botswana, Sir Geoffrey called on Pretoria to make "a leap of imagination and courage" by freeing Mr Nelson Mandela, the jailed African National Congress (ANC) leader, and by lifting the ban on the ANC and other outlawed black political organizations.

Sir Geoffrey had a far more congenial reception in Botswana where President, Dr Quett Masire, though not a friend of apartheid, is opposed to economic sanctions.

The Foreign Secretary has until the end of September to report back to EEC member states, which are pledged to consult other industrialized nations on further economic measures against South Africa if Pretoria has not made any moves on Mr Mandela and the other issues by then.

President Kaunda yesterday said that nothing Sir Geoffrey had told him about his meeting with President Botha last Wednesday in Pretoria gave grounds for optimism that progress was possible.

"I can see no succour, no hope at all from what Sir Geoffrey told me. By his standards, by the standards of the Ronald Reagans of this world, and the Margaret Thatchers of this world, maybe he can obtain something, but nothing at all to bring hope to my troubled mind - nothing at all," he said.

In line with an agreement to keep their exchanges confidential, Sir Geoffrey himself has not disclosed any details of his talks with President Botha, whom he is to meet again next Tuesday.

The Foreign Secretary said he did not see his mission as "coming to a conclusion at the end of this leg", implying the possibility of further visits to South Africa, possibly in September.

He defended his plegmatic response to President Kaunda's public harangue on Thursday night, maintaining that to have "walked out or banged the table" would have been "absolutely the wrong kind of diplomacy. Diplomacy is not a series of walk-outs. It is a series of talk-throughs."

Police claim success for Brixton raids

By Craig Seton

One of the most meticulously planned police anti-drugs operations mounted in Britain was behind the series of raids in Brixton, south-west London. Senior officers believe they have smashed a major ring dealing increasingly in hard drugs.

"Operation Condor" was backed up by a wide-scale public relations campaign in the sensitive "front line" area of Brixton to reassure local people and prevent a repetition of last September's violence and rioting.

It was launched on Thursday afternoon after weeks of detailed and secret planning and undercover surveillance by drug squad officers, who had suspected that black drug pushers were increasingly dealing in hard drugs brought in from the new source of Nigeria.

Suspected drug dealers from other parts of Britain, including the Handsworth area of Birmingham and Bristol, were secretly filmed by the undercover officers.

Sixty-five people were arrested in the operation, which had been kept secret from all but those immediately involved. It involved 340 officers brought in by a special train and in four British Road Services lorries. They sealed off the Afro-Caribbean Club in Railton Road, which detectives believed had been taken over and used as a distribution centre by drug dealers.

One of the police officers involved in the raid said: "It was a beautiful operation. There was no trouble and no aggravation. It went like a dream."

Another 1,500 police officers equipped with riot gear, together with more than 20 armed officers from Scotland Yard's D11 firearms unit,

stood by in the area in case of riots. They were not told until the last moment that the operation was taking place in Brixton.

Police are believed to have seized a large quantity of drugs, including cocaine and heroin and large amounts of cannabis, which they believe justified the operation.

They also say they found a 9mm Brownie pistol and four rounds of ammunition hidden in a drawer at the Afro-Caribbean Club, where 30 people were arrested. Raids took place at more than 20 other locations in the area, and machetes and knives are said to have been discovered.

The raids were immediately condemned as designed to provoke by Miss Linda Bellos, the leader of Lambeth council, who said that the police had launched an unnecessarily large operation in order to show off and try out their new techniques and equipment.

The meticulous planning of the raids started early in June when undercover drug squad officers from Brixton started detailed surveillance of the Afro-Caribbean Club, using video and long-range cameras to identify suspected drug dealers using the centre.

Only a few senior officers were involved in the planning of the raid. British Rail police secretly arranged to supply a four-carriage commuter train for the operation.

Seventy uniformed policemen boarded the train at a suburban station south of Brixton and other normal services were re-arranged to enable the train to arrive at precisely 4.30pm on the main Clapham to Victoria line, which runs along the rear of the club.

A wire fence surrounding the building had been cut in

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Behind the stumps again at 45

By John Woodcock

Bob Taylor, the former Derbyshire and England wicket keeper, found himself playing in a Test match again yesterday. It happened at Lord's after Bruce French, the chosen wicket keeper, had been hit while batting.

Taylor, 45 last week, was present as a public relations officer for Cornhill, sponsors of the Test series against New Zealand. He was about to leave lunch when Mike Gatting, the England captain, ran across to ask him to get changed and keep wicket. Such a substitution is thought to be unprecedented in a Test.

Taylor, who played the last of his 57 Tests in 1984, holds the record of 1,471 first-class dismissals. In London he jogs round Regent's Park, and he played yesterday as though it were still his livelihood.

Though French was wearing a helmet when hit by a ball from Richard Hadlee, he needed three stitches in his head after turning away from a rising ball.

"I can't remember anything about it, really," he said, "although I don't think I ever actually lost consciousness. I was trying to move my arms and legs but they wouldn't respond and I couldn't speak either. It was a weird feeling."

"The Queen (who was making her annual visit to Lord's) didn't say anything to me about it, but Richard Hadlee popped his head round the door to check I was all right."

French hopes to play today, when he will bear comparison with Taylor only because he, too, is so good at the job.

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Cruise ship hit by new outbreak

By Trudi McIntosh

The virus that left more than 600 passengers ill on five cruises of the P & O liner, Canberra, is believed to have struck again as the ship sails towards Cannes, on the French Riviera.

Nine passengers and four of the crew were reported yesterday to be suffering from a gastric complaint, with symptoms similar to the virus, a Southampton Port Health Authority spokesman said.

But the spokesman said it would not be known until the weekend whether the latest cases were caused by the virus, called Norwalk, which is usually transmitted through water, food or person-to-person contact. Last week P & O installed an automatic chlorination system on the liner.

A port health authority scientist is on board but has so far found no clue to what causes the illness.

The 1,600 passengers on the latest 14-day cruise were warned before they went that there was a risk. Only 20 cancelled their trip.

Dr David Harper, of Winton Applied Occupational Hygiene, said tests on passengers affected during previous cruises have isolated the virus, which is named after an American town where it was first discovered.

He believed the virus was carried on to the ship in the water supply

Luce to take action on library ban on Times

By Sheila Gamm, Political Staff

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, announced yesterday that he is taking legal action against library authorities which ban copies of The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun and News of the World.

A letter will be sent early next week to the 15 local authorities, mainly Labour-led London councils, suspected of imposing a ban in protest at the dismissal by News International of 5,500 print workers last January. It warns them of the legal consequences if they do not drop the ban and asks for council minutes leading up to the decision.

The letters are the first legal step in exercising default powers under the Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964. If the ban is not lifted Mr Luce is likely to order local inquiries to find out if the law is being broken. He can then make orders declaring the authorities in default and directing them to drop the ban.

Mr Luce has consistently opposed the ban and ordered an investigation to find out how many libraries are applying it. Some local authorities dispute that they are breaking the law.

Mr Luce reported that: 13 authorities imposed the ban; 2 authorities had not yet replied; 5 authorities, against which there had been complaints, had either not had a ban or had lifted it.

Monday Music in the round

The Government faced a new political outcry last night over the "underhand" manner in which it released figures suggesting that more than 10 million people in Britain are now living on or below the poverty line.

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Bomber secrets lost

Washington - The Lockheed Corporation has lost nearly 1,500 secret documents believed to be related to the super-secret stealth bomber (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Lawrence Kitchen, chairman of Lockheed, told a congressional hearing into how defence contractors handle secret documents: "Our internal laxness is inexcusable. We have not maintained proper administrative control over classified documents."

Mr Kitchen said preliminary indications were that classified material had not been compromised. Only one document was "top secret".

A stealth bomber crashed in California two weeks ago. The aircraft can apparently dodge radar detection.

LOS ANGELES: Nineteen US defence industry workers and one company have been charged with involvement in kickback and bribery schemes. More indictments are expected (AP reports).

Mob sacks Moroccan Embassy

From Robert Fisk

Up to two thousand members of the Hezbollah "Party of God" movement in Lebanon yesterday sacked the Moroccan Embassy in West Beirut in the most violent demonstration against the Israeli-Moroccan talks to have taken place in the Arab world.

Led by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Amin, leader of the Hezbollah in the Lebanese capital, the mob smashed windows and broke into offices to set fire to files.

Demonstrators - unhindered by the Lebanese and Syrian troops operating the new "security" plan in the city - seized hundreds of documents in the office of Mr Abdul-Karim Bannani, the Ambassador, and burnt them together with papers from other embassy departments.

Hundreds of Hezbollah demonstrators climbed the walls of the embassy and set fire to portraits of King Hassan before hurling furniture from the windows. Lebanese police officers outside the building stood by helplessly, claiming - truthfully but typically - that they were helplessly outnumbered and could therefore do nothing to prevent the sacking. Lebanese fire authorities managed to enter the four-storey building before the flames took hold.

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Epidemic fears over meningitis

By Thomson Prentice

Government health experts are becoming increasingly concerned about a national epidemic of meningitis for which there is no effective vaccine. Seventy-two people have died of the disease so far this year, almost as many as in the whole of 1984.

The latest victim was a Christopher Knight, aged seven, who died on Wednesday. His death was the second this year in Stroud, Gloucestershire, where the incidence of the infection is 14 times the national average.

Two other boys in Stroud, aged four and five, are seriously ill in hospital with what is believed to be the same virulent strain of meningococcal meningitis.

Mr Ray Whitney, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health, said that it will be at least a year before a vaccine for the strain, Group B, becomes available.

Long-term effects of the disease may include deafness, blindness or brain damage, and about one in 10 of those who contract it is likely to die. It can be treated successfully with antibiotics if diagnosed quickly.

Half of the fatalities among 94 who died last year were aged under five, but there has been a rise in cases affecting those aged between 10 and 20.

One reason could be that administrative improvements at the Revenue last year led, by October, to the biggest backlog of arrears in the department's history. The improvements included greater computerization and the reduction in the number of local tax offices and collection offices. But the report promises that the changes will pave the way for greater efficiency in the future. "Time will tell."

inspectors who are more likely to resign.

The department's tax take was just over £50 billion last year, collected at an administrative cost of 1.66 per cent of total yield, the lowest since records began in 1974. Efforts to heat the tax evaders of the black economy met with increasing success.

And, for the first time, the Revenue has hired its soul by publishing the Taxpayers Charter, outlining how taxpayers can expect to be treated by their tax office.

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52 sports grounds must meet new safety rules to be allowed crowds

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Test cricket grounds, the Cardiff Arms Park rugby stadium and 26 football clubs are among 52 more sports grounds that must apply from next month for local authority safety certificates, the Government announced yesterday.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, was implementing the recommendation of the Popplewell inquiry into sports ground safety that all grounds and stadiums with crowd capacities of more than 10,000 should be designated and require safety certificates if they wish to continue to admit spectators.

Injunction stays on MI5 secrets

The Guardian and The Observer newspapers failed in the Court of Appeal yesterday to lift injunctions barring them from publishing new disclosures from Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 man.

Alliance document 'bland'

The joint policy document released this week by the Alliance was attacked by Cabinet Ministers yesterday as "a masterpiece of blandness", papering over its divisions.

Leyland job losses will be known after holiday

Workers at Leyland Bus Company plants will be given details of redundancy plans after an £11.7 million management buy-out when they return from holidays next month, it was disclosed yesterday.

Shopping by post? Play it safe

Readers who reply to cash with order advertisements in national newspapers or colour supplements are encouraged by the National Newspaper Mail Order Protection Scheme.

per cent last season, although attendances dropped by 8 per cent.

In the second division there was a 41 per cent fall in the numbers arrested and 30 per cent fewer ejections. There was a 12 per cent drop in attendances.

Of the grounds affected by the new designation order under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975, 26 are football, 16 rugby union, three rugby league and seven cricket.

Mr Richard Faulkner, secretary of the Football Trust which assists clubs on ground safety, said last night that many of the clubs newly listed will reduce their ground capacity below 10,000 to escape designation.

"For clubs which normally have just a few hundred spectators, to spend perhaps £200,000 to £300,000 to meet designation requirements is a waste of money," he said.

Nine years for brutal parent

Two parents who beat, tortured and deprived their daughters "as a way of life" were given jail sentences yesterday which were among the severest punishments ever imposed in child cruelty cases.

Mr Robert Harman, QC, Recorder at the Central Criminal Court, told them: "The pair of you had it in for those girls. They were at your mercy, in your charge and had no possible redress. You abused your role as parents in a way that was sickening."

Dispute over drinks led to priest's death

A woman told an inquest in the Irish Republic yesterday how she tried to revive a Roman Catholic priest as he lay dying on her bedroom floor after being hit several times by her husband.

Conservatives select two

Mr Timothy Kirkhope, aged 41, a solicitor from Newcastle on Tyne, has been chosen by Conservatives in Leeds North-East as prospective parliamentary candidate to succeed Sir Keith Joseph.

Spire appeal at £900,000

The appeal launched by the Prince of Wales to save Salisbury Cathedral's 404ft spire - Britain's tallest - has reached £900,000 in 15 months.

announced yesterday that the Government will be sponsoring a seminar in the autumn on sport in schools.

The grounds of clubs affected by the new safety rules are: Football: Barnet, Nuneaton Borough, Bath City, Poole, Berwick Rangers, Southall, Billingham Synthonia, Southampton, Sutton, Chelmsford, Telford, Chorley, Tooting & Mitcham, Darford, Witton Albion, Dulwich Hamlet, Worcester City, Gangeshead, Worthington, Kettering, Wycombe Wanderers, Morecambe, Yeovil, Northwich Victoria, Cwmbran Town.

Rugby Union: Bristol, Leicester, Camborne, Redruth, Exeter, Worthington, Gloucester, Aberavon, Bridgend, Cardiff Arms Park, Ebbw Vale, Llanelli, Neath, Newport, Swansea, Pontypridd.

Teachers' pay talks restart

Leaders of the six teaching unions and local authority employers were locked deep in discussion last night at talks in Coventry sponsored by the conciliation service, Acas.

Before negotiations got under way, however, teachers' leaders left no doubt about what they thought of the employers' £2.5 billion package agreed on Monday at the Burnham management panel meeting.

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, the second largest union, said that the offer could be "no more than an opening shot".

Boycott of the games attacked

The president of the International Olympic Committee, said yesterday that the 31 countries who boycotted the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh should be punished.

Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch, a Spaniard, who is in Edinburgh, was speaking two days before the Commonwealth Games Federation discusses what action to take.

He distinguished between games such as the 1980 and 1984 Olympics, when the boycotting countries declined to take part months before the event, and the present Commonwealth Games when nations accepted and then changed their minds at the last moment under political pressure.

For me, the most dangerous situation is when a country accepts an invitation to compete and at the last moment withdraws. In that case the country must be punished," Mr Samaranch said on BBC radio.

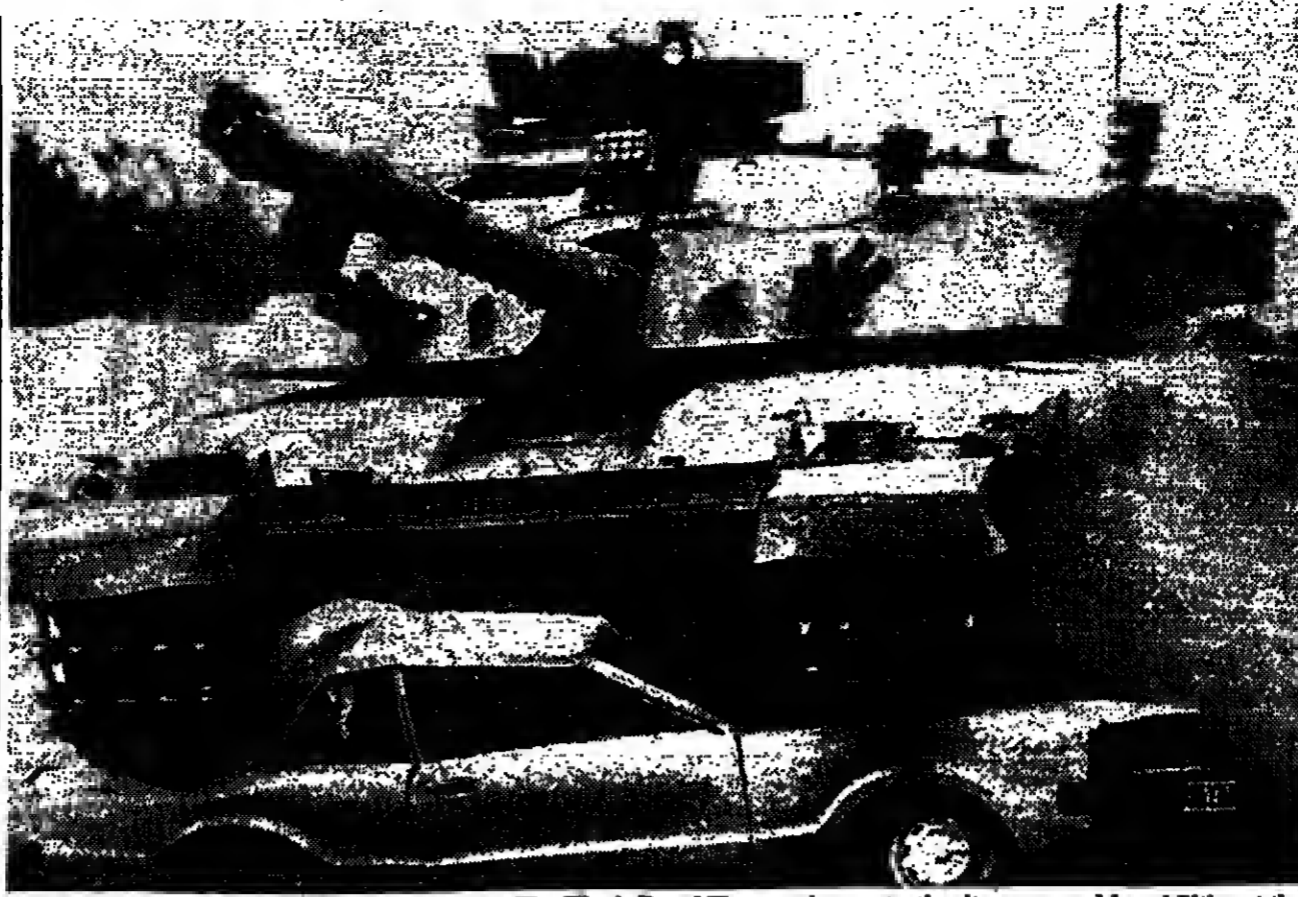
TV Dracula has his critics

Only one commercial, for butter, was withdrawn by the advertiser after six people complained about children mimicking adult coquettishness.

An objection that "it is not true that The Guardian newspaper is editorially neutral" was forwarded to the newspaper.

The biggest controversy was aroused by a commercial for sanitary towels on Channel 4. Viewers did not object to the way it was presented, but felt the product itself was not suitable for television advertising.

The IBA said that by yesterday a total of about 500 viewers had complained since the commercial began being screened in March for an experimental period of two years.



A Challenger main battle tank of the 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars demonstrating its car-crunching abilities at the dress rehearsal for tomorrow's Royal Armoured Corps open day at Bovington Camp, Dorset.

University earnings doubled

Universities' direct earnings from industry more than doubled between 1982 and 1985 (Mark Dowd writes).

According to provisional figures published yesterday by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, industrial and commercial research contracts amounted to £47.7 million in 1984-85, compared with £23 million for 1981-82.

The figures, which take no account of inflation, do not include student sponsorship money, nor revenue raised by university companies.

Mr Michael Powell, a senior administrative officer with the committee, said that the development was a sign of the times.

Universities were becoming increasingly dependent on outside income and were doing all they could to promote the exploitation of their inventions by means of patents and licence agreements with companies.

Giving the example of Salford as a university which had made enormous strides towards increasing its findings from sources outside the University Grants Committee, he said it was still essential that the Government continued to provide the capital for the more long-term projects.

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At the centre of the talks is the package of pay and conditions agreed by employers on Monday which offers £2.5 billion over five years. The main proposals under discussion include:

• An average pay increase of 6 per cent added to the 5.7 per cent deal agreed in May.

• A unified and more fluid salary grading structure to replace the present four-scale system. New teachers would start on an entry grade for the first three years.

They would then automatically pass on to the "main professional grade" or MPG as it would be called which would consist of a 12-step incremental ladder.

Spread over 10 years, that would enable 140,000 scale-one teachers to earn a maximum of £14,000, more than 40 per cent above that at present.

An additional responsibility allowance for "principal teachers." The term would apply to an estimated 15 per cent, comprised mainly of senior teachers and department heads. The allowance would be worth up to £1,500, depending on their responsibilities.

Coventry this weekend." He said that the employers must come up with another offer.

Mr John Fearman, who is chairman of the Council of Local Education Authorities, said that a detailed agreement was unlikely at the two-day session. He hoped that sufficient consensus could be reached to enable both sides to present a common front to the Government in September.

Statistics on ethnic origins

Local education authorities are to be asked to collect details about the ethnic origins of school pupils (Mark Dowd writes).

In a parliamentary written reply yesterday, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, said that he had received the report of a working group on the subject.

"The collection of ethnic statistics of school pupils would be of great benefit to schools as a basis for making appropriate provision and for monitoring achievement," he said.

Mr Baker said he could not accept the working party's recommendation that the Government provide the necessary extra funding. This would have to come from the local education authorities.

Mr Peter Newsam, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, said statistics had consistently pointed to the underperformance of black youngsters in Britain's education system, or the underperformance of the system in relation to racial minorities depending on which way one viewed the problem.

Wapping judgement is expected next week

News International is expected to hear next week if it has been successful in its move to be freed from the print union pickets that have demonstrated outside its Wapping plant for the past six months.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith has been asked in the High Court to grant orders curbing illegal mass picketing at the plant.

The judge, who has had to consider 1,250 pages of evidence from News International and six associated companies, reserved his judgement and is expected to give his decision next week.

The company is seeking injunctions banning Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association, plus four named officials from maintaining anything but a peaceful picket of six outside the plant and restraining marches, demonstrations or interference with employees and commercial contracts.

It alleges that the presence of large numbers of protesters outside the plant has resulted in threats, intimidation and violence towards employees and disruption to the distribution of their titles, The Times, The Sunday Times, News of the World and The Sun.

Noye to face trial after porcelain theft

Kenneth Noye, who was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment for masterminding the disposal of the £26 million Brinks-Mat gold bullion robbery haul, is to face another trial at the Central Criminal Court (Michael Horsnell writes).

With his wife Brenda, aged 36, Noye will stand trial in September accused of dishonestly handling £3,000 of Meissen porcelain figures stolen from the Hampshire home of Lord Darnley in August 1981.

But Mrs Noye, mother of two sons aged 13 and 10, was told yesterday that a charge of plotting with her husband to handle the Brinks-Mat gold, for which she was committed last July, is being dropped.

Mr Michael Corkery, QC, told the court that the prosecution is offering no evidence against her.

Judge Richard Lowry, who sentenced Noye on Thursday and imposed a £500,000 fine for organizing the laundering of the stolen gold and operating a tax fraud, agreed.

Noye, aged 38, whose £3 million assets have been frozen, and his wife were granted legal aid to fight the new trial.

Thatcher pledge on parties' security

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

The Prime Minister yesterday promised help to the main political parties with the escalating costs of anti-terrorist security at their annual conferences.

Sophisticated security measures have had to be mounted at the conferences since a bomb explosion devastated the Grand Hotel, Brighton, during the 1984 Conservative Party conference.

But the scheme announced by Mrs Thatcher will give no help to the police authorities who bear the major costs.

The police authority in Lancashire protested that it had cost nearly £1 million to ensure security at last year's Conservative Party conference in Blackpool.

The scheme will cover security costs for the Conservative, Labour, Liberal, Social Democratic, Scottish and Welsh Nationalist conferences.

A political party has to hold at least two seats at Westminster, or one seat plus at least 150,000 votes, to qualify. The same criteria applies for financial assistance to opposition parties.

Conferences in Northern Ireland will not qualify because the arrangements for security are different.

Sir Ian Percival, Conservative MP for Southport and a former solicitor general, had urged Mrs Thatcher to help with the rising costs.

"In the view of the Government, the continuation of party conferences is essential to the public interest and the costs of these exceptional precautions, which will not be necessary in every case, should not be borne entirely by the parties themselves," Mrs Thatcher said.

A Conservative Central Office spokesman said that the security costs to the party amounted to "tens of thousands" but would not be drawn on the exact total in case it aided the terrorists.

Correction

Our reference (July 8) to English Debden, "victims" being able to sue in the United States wrongly implied that the drug has been found to cause birth deformities in the United Kingdom, and that the United Kingdom Court decision was that non-resident plaintiffs have a right to sue in the US. The Supreme Court decision was, in fact, that it is for the State Courts to decide the latter issue.

Sunday Times publishes a royal edition

Tomorrow's Sunday Times Magazine is a collector's edition: a 64-page special issue devoted to the royal wedding.

To capture the colour and happiness of the day and produce a complete record of the wedding for the following Sunday required a complex operation. What normally takes five weeks had to be completed in two days.

A team of top international photographers was flown to London. Runners sped their film to motor cycles and it was rushed for processing. From the laboratories it was taken to the magazine offices, where thousands of photographs were edited before being sent to Watford, where the magazine is printed.

Philip Norman's report, witty and moving, comes to some surprising conclusions about how the British and the Royal Family conduct themselves on these occasions. Sir Alastair Burnet wrote a profile of Sarah Ferguson and Germaine Greer cast a caustic eye on how the Royal Family is beginning to be seen as a soap opera.

The operation took a great deal of energy and effort. The Sunday Times thinks it was worth it and is sure you will agree.

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Girl awarded damages for hospital blunder 7 years before birth

A hospital blunder over a blood transfusion given to her mother seven years before her birth led to a brain-damaged girl aged four being awarded £334,769 in the High Court in London yesterday.

Sandra Roberts was born with a rare blood disease, haemolytic disease of the newborn, because West Suffolk Hospital at Bury St Edmunds gave her mother the wrong blood transfusion in 1979.

The judge, Mr Justice Auld, said that she would one day be able to walk in some way and would probably attain the intelligence of a four-year-old.

He said: "The tragedy of Sandra's birth stems from a transfusion of the wrong blood given to Mrs Roberts after a road traffic accident seven years before Sandra was born."

Mrs Roberts, of Mouse Lane, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, was rhesus negative and was transfused with rhesus positive blood. Her blood developed anti-D antibodies. Mr Frederick Roberts, her husband, was rhesus negative.

As a result, there was a serious risk that any child born to them would suffer from the disease, the judge said. But it was largely preventable. The hospital knew of the mother's condition but failed to act.

Mr Douglas Johnson, the obstetrician, and East Anglian Health Authority admitted liability and the judge was asked to assess damages.

The court was told that the child was so severely ill when she was born on November 3, 1981, that she was taken from her mother and kept in special care. As a result she lost the vital first days with her mother and the bonding between them never developed.

The judge said that Mr and Mrs Roberts were unable to

cope with their daughter, who screamed for hours on end, and after five months she was fostered.

The foster parents, Mr Sydney Woodward, aged 55, and his wife, Maureen, aged 31, of Woodside, Purdis Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk, had done a "superb job" and planned to adopt the child in September. When they began looking after her, they had no idea that she had a claim for damages pending, the judge emphasized.

Mrs Roberts will receive £998 from Sandra's award for the nursing care she gave her during the first five months of her life. The award to the child also included £12,358 for Mr and Mrs Woodward. Outside the court, Mrs Woodward, accompanied by her husband, said that looking after the child was "hard work but enjoyable". She said: "I love her, otherwise I wouldn't do it. She's a really super kiddie. I have no regrets about having her."



First move in war of chess giants

By Tim Jones

There were no boxing gloves in sight but that could not disguise the fact that it was war. In high style, Garry Kasparov, the world champion, and Anatoly Karpov, his intractable opponent had arrived to fight again for the chess championship of the world.

As they walked into the boardroom of the Park Lane Hotel in London, they looked more like disco dancers than supreme exponents of an art which demonstrates the triumph of the human mind over any computer yet devised.

Kasparov, aged 23, who does not dispute his playboy image, was trendy as ever in a light powder-blue suit.

In the web of deep psychology that permeates chess, Karpov, aged 35, had decided to go for an early points victory and paraded in a suit of almost ice-cream white, offset by a red open-neck shirt.

But it will be the hard grind over the 64 squares which will determine who will wear the crown. Mecca, the bookmakers, has announced odds of 8-13 for a Kasparov victory and 6-4 for Karpov.

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in Russian although their command of English is good. Karpov claims antagonism at that level was natural and it ever became personal it was "only of a temporary nature".

Kasparov, who wrested the crown from Karpov in November last year, said: "We have different attitudes to life. You can see for yourself that our appearance is different."

That hatred arises from their first encounter in Moscow when, after five months, with Kasparov in the lead but apparently willing under the physical strain, Mr Florenca Campomanes, president of the International Chess Federation, annulled the match in an atmosphere of mistrust.

When the match restarted in September, Kasparov produced brilliant chess to win the crown of which he considered he had been cheated.

The 24-match series, half of which will be played in London before moving to Leningrad, is a triumph for the British Chess Federation and for the chief organizer, Mr Raymond Keene, chess correspondent of *The Times*.

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Stalker's solicitor alleges phone tap

The solicitor representing Mr John Stalker, the suspended police chief, yesterday claimed that his office telephone lines were being tapped. The claim was denied by Mr James Anderton, chief constable of Greater Manchester and Mr Stalker's superior.

Mr Stalker, the deputy chief constable, has been at the centre of a controversy since being suspended from his investigation into claims that the Royal William Constabulary had a "shoot-to-kill" policy when dealing with terrorists.

Mr Stalker, who was said to have been critical of the RUC in his initial report on the investigation, was suspended while allegations involving his friendship with Mr Kevin Taylor, a Manchester businessman, were investigated.

Firemen lose long hair case

Three firemen who claimed sexual discrimination after being ordered to have haircuts have had the cases dismissed by an industrial tribunal. Mr David Williams, Mr Alan Warwick and Mr Ron Brommer were furious when the station officer at Tottenham gave the "short back and sides" order in January.

The trio told the tribunal earlier this month that there were two female fire fighters at the station — one had long hair, and the other had short hair in a pony tail style. Mr Williams, who has curly and bushy hair, said if he had it cut he might lose favour with his girlfriends.

Two accused over death

Two men were remanded in custody for a week by Wigan magistrates yesterday in connection with the death of a missing mother of four whose body was found in a shallow grave near the M6 in Lancashire.

Mr William Bolton, aged 41, of Eleanor Street, Wigan, Greater Manchester, is accused of murdering his estranged wife, Eileen, aged 34, on or about June 6. Mr John Roden, aged 40, of Matheson Drive, Wigan, is charged with assisting in the disposal of the body.

Drugs gang leader jailed

The ringleader of an international drug-smuggling gang shouted: "I'll get you, to detectives yesterday when he was jailed for 10 years by the Central Criminal Court.

Ulisse Marazzi, aged 43, of Hawtry Road, Swiss Cottage, who runs an antiques business in Camden Passage, Islington, north London, was convicted of conspiring to supply cannabis. Judge Michael Aynley, QC, recommended that Marazzi should be deported to Italy at the end of his sentence.

£22,852 for crash injuries

Mr Norman Mills, a former restaurant manager, was awarded £22,852 damages in the High Court yesterday for road crash injuries which left him with double vision and a loss of sex drive.

Mr Mills was awarded his damages, with costs, against Mr Christopher Thomas, the rider of a motor cycle which was in collision with his car.

Labour gain

Labour took a seat from the Alliance when it won a by-election in the Dockyard ward of Southwark council, London, on Thursday. Mr Pat Sullivan, an electrician, aged 60, regained the seat he lost by 17 votes to the Alliance in the May council election.

Chief to retire

Mr Maurice Buck, aged 57, chief constable of Northamptonshire, is to retire in November. Mr Buck played an important part in bringing computers into British policing, and in 1974 led the hunt for the Birmingham public house bombers.

Move to curb sale of human kidneys

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Transplant surgeons are being given strict guidelines on the use of kidneys from living donors in a move to curb traffic in the sale of human organs for operations.

The Government is being urged to set up a compulsory register of all imports and exports of transplantable organs and tissues into and out of Britain, and to keep a record of all British transplant operations.

The society says in the latest *British Medical Journal* that it would be wrong "to exclude totally living unrelated donors." But their use will require extremely rigorous safeguards to avoid the exploitation of donors and the manipulation of recipients, and to afford adequate protection for doctors, it says.

"Safeguards are also required to minimize the chance of a surgeon using a donor organ from a living non-relative when he has been led to believe the donor and recipient were blood relatives."

£20 spent weekly on family car

By David Sapsted

The average British family spends about £20 a week on motoring, more than four times as much as on all other forms of transport combined (Michael Bailey writes).

Spending on cars reached £19.65 a week two years ago, according to latest figures from the British Road Federation, and continues to rise. Nearly £11 went on petrol, maintenance, and insurance, and more than £8 on buying cars, the federation found.

By comparison, under £2 a week went on air fares, taxis, and ferries, just over £1 on bus fares, and 87p on train fares.

Transport uses about a fifth of the nation's energy, the statistics show.

About 60 per cent of households now own one car, and 16 per cent more than one. Official forecasts suggest a rise from 18½ to 45 per cent in car traffic by the year 2,000.

Check on French strangling link

By Det Supt Bryan Jackson, of the Cavendish Road incident room, where two of the murders are being investigated.

Scotland Yard detectives hunting the Stockwell strangler yesterday asked French police for a report on the wave of killings in Paris that has claimed the lives of 32 elderly women during the past two years. Officers seeking the man responsible for strangling and often sexually assaulting eight London pensioners in four months said the request for information from France was purely routine.

"We knew these killings in Paris have been occurring and we have asked for a report to see whether there are similarities," a police spokesman said.

One man, possibly a drug addict, is believed responsible for about a third of the French deaths, all involving women aged over 65 living alone.

Prisoner on parole killed man

A judge yesterday called on the Home Secretary to investigate the freeing of a prisoner who killed within a week.

Judge Hazan, QC, said at the Central Criminal Court that the case of William Anderson, aged 26, would justify a cause disquiet. He had a string of convictions and a personality disorder. But after serving half of a five-year sentence for stabbing and robbing a man, he was given weekend parole from Wandsworth jail.

He was jailed for life for murdering and robbing Mr Malik Khattak, aged 39, of Hampstead Garden Suburb. He was also jailed for nine years for attacking and robbing a tourist.

Duchy houses go to trust

By Charles Kneivitt, Architecture Correspondent

The Duchy of Cornwall, which manages land and property for the Prince of Wales, has approved plans to sell Newquay House, a block of 76 flats and maisonettes in Kensington, south London, to a housing trust.

The sale would enable a tenants' co-operative to take over responsibility for its improvement and management.

The recommendation is contained in a feasibility study commissioned by the duchy last February and produced by the community architects, Hunt Thompson Associates, working with the tenants and Mr David Costie, housing development controller of the Halifax Building Society.

The report, co-ordinated by the Royal Institute of British Architects, was submitted to the duchy council earlier this month.

The Prince of Wales gave his approval to the plan by paying an unexpected private visit to Newquay House on Tuesday afternoon. It was his idea last autumn to involve tenants in deciding the future of the block.

Mr John Humphreys, chairman of the tenants' panel, said management problems began about five years ago, especially over new tenancies and getting essential repairs carried out. Rumours that dozers would be sent to demolish the block were to be unfounded.

Tenants began to despair after their failure before Mr Ben Derbyshire and Miss Caroline Dowd, the community architects, opened an office in one of the vacant flats, modernized a social survey and consulted tenants on their wishes. Initial suspicion about the architects' role was soon overcome.

Coach parties of tenants visited several other successful community architecture projects, including Lea View House, Hackney, east London, the work of Co-operative Development Services in Liverpool, and the Black Road Improvement Schemes in Macclesfield.

Mr Humphreys said: "I didn't know an architect from a community architect before this, and there is a very significant difference. I'm learning all the time." Mr Ron Daw, another tenant, said: "We listened to the Prince's speeches about helping people to help themselves. Now we know it can be done."

New eggs 'are bigger and better'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A new range of poultry feeds, which are said to produce bigger, stronger and healthier eggs, was launched yesterday by BOCM Silcock, the agricultural feed division of Unilever.

The feeds contain only natural ingredients with extra vitamins, but have no artificial colourings or antibiotics.

Birds that are fed on them produce larger eggs with stronger shells, better colour and texture and improved flavour, the company said.

The Government announced yesterday that Dairy Crest Foods, the manufacturing and marketing branch of the Milk Marketing Board, was to become a separate, legally distinct body with its own commercial objectives and a majority of independent directors.

But the Ministry of Agriculture denied a report in the magazine, *Farming News*, that Dairy Crest would be floated as a public limited company within the next two years.

It also said it was "puzzled" by a statement by the Dairy Trade Federation, welcoming the announcement as "a first stage towards total separation of Dairy Crest by means of a Stock Exchange flotation".

It would remain a wholly-owned subsidiary of the board, the ministry said.

The federation has long resented the close links between the board and Dairy Crest, claiming that they discriminate against the interests of its members.

Aids risk in swimming pools 'very unlikely'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) could be spread in swimming pools in exceptional cases, although the risk is "exceedingly unlikely", a leading scientist has said.

Swimmers with open cuts and abrasions should avoid using swimming pools or hydrotherapy pools because the virus might enter through a break in the skin. Professor Arie Zuckerman, professor of microbiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, Professor Zuckerman said research has shown that some viruses may be spread through water by swimmers.

There was no evidence that the Aids virus, HIV, could be transmitted in this way.

Properly maintained and supervised swimming pools, whirlpools and hydrotherapy pools would pose little risk.

"There is much public anxiety that the virus causing Aids may be spread in swimming and hydrotherapy pools," he said.

There is no evidence, however, that it is spread by social contact by sharing of washing, eating and drinking utensils, and other articles commonly used; or by sharing toilet facilities.

Deal for thoroughbred stud 'never happened'

Allan Brown, a bloodstock agent, was "ever the optimist" when he tried to get back his investment in a losing thoroughbred stud called Full of Hope.

But a High Court judge said yesterday that an alleged agreement with other shareholders to buy out his 14 shares for £56,000 "never happened".

Deputy judge Peter Crawford, QC, rejected his claim for damages against John and Ron Popley, of Hilltop Stud, Wood Hill, Meopham, Kent, who denied that they entered into the agreement when Full of Hope became a financial liability.

The judge said he agreed with the brothers that Mr Brown "found it difficult to distinguish between that which was and that which ought to be. He has deluded himself as to what happened".

He had been told that Mr Brown of Collier Street, Marden, Kent, had an overdraft of more than £56,000 at the time of the alleged agreement in October 1983, and wished to sell his shares to clear it.

But the judge rejected that this had prompted Mr Brown to "bend the truth" to suit his case.

He said: "He was ever the optimist. What he said came from the heart and not from the head."

City firm's move saves Everest expedition

By Ronald Faux

The City has stepped in to save a British expedition which aims to climb Everest by its most difficult route. A cheque for £60,000 has been handed by a firm of stockbrokers to the organizers of the British attempt on the unclimbed north-east ridge.

Mr Robert Harris and Mr Roy Cutts, senior partners at Seligmann, Harris and Co, said that the financial help was being given on behalf of the Stock Exchange and the City.

The firm said yesterday: "The City seems to be making the headlines at the moment and the fashionable view is that there is little thought beyond making glamorous salaries. We don't too much care for that view."

The expedition leader, Brummie Stokes, a former soldier in the Special Air Service Regiment founded by Colonel Stirling, shouldered the expedition's new name, The Seligmann Harris British Mount Chomolungma North-East Ridge '86 Expedition, and set off for China yesterday, ahead of the 18-strong team.

The expedition has raised £315,000 in sponsorship and donations. Progress reports will appear in *The Times*.

Police provide driving lessons to help jobless

A chief constable yesterday unveiled a plan to cut unemployment among young people by teaching them to drive.

Mr Tony Mullett, head of West Mercia police, also issued a challenge to potential employers.

Nine long-term unemployed people aged between 18 and 24 will start the five-week standard police driving course at Telford, Shropshire, where unemployment among men in their age group is above 30 per cent.

If the course proves successful, it will be extended for a year in Telford, then spread through the whole of the area covered by West Mercia police.

Mr Mullett said that the cost of the equivalent number of lessons at a driving school would be £500. The force will also pay for the young people to take their driving tests.

The authority does not expect protests from driving schools, because those selected for the course would not be able to afford to go to a commercial school.

Mr Mullett said he was increasingly concerned at the number of young people arrested for disorderly behaviour.

"One factor that emerges is that many of them are unemployed. It is important that we do everything to forge closer links."

"I challenge local employers to take advantage of the skills acquired by these young people."

More authors benefit from library books

More authors received payments for library loans of their books last year, the annual report of the Public Lending Right registrar said yesterday.

The number of authors and illustrators, translators and others benefiting from the scheme rose to 9,626 from 7,622 last year.

The sum paid out rose from £1.6 million to £2.4 million. But half of those registered under the scheme received less than £100, and only one in 10 received £500 or more.

For the first time payments have been extended to writers and illustrators of children's books of fewer than 32 pages, and to authors living in West Germany.

Report by the Minister for the Arts on the Public Lending Right Scheme 1985-86 (HC 523, Stationery Office: £1.90).

Titanic expedition Expert not convinced of hull damage

By Trudi McIntosh

The wreck of the Titanic could still be raised, Mr John Pierce, a British salvage expert, claimed yesterday.

Dr Robert Ballard, leader of the American Woods Hole Oceanographic expedition which completed filming the Titanic on Thursday, had not produced "conclusive" evidence that the ship's hull is broken into two sections, he said.

Mr Pierce of Chirk, North Wales still believes the wreck is resting intact 13,000 feet below the surface of the North Atlantic, 450 miles south-east of Newfoundland.

He hopes an Anglo/French expedition can be organized next year to salvage the wreck. "I am not satisfied with Dr Ballard's views that the wreck is not salvageable. Some of the film could be misleading and does not prove conclusively that the hull is broken into two or several sections," Mr Pierce said.

He said that if the expedition's midgeat submarine, Alvin, had taken a side scan sonar record of the wreck, Dr Ballard should release the results.

"So far, we have only seen different shots of the Titanic, but not one continuous view. A lot of questions remain unanswered," Mr Pierce said.

The raising of the 73-year-old wreck has become a kind of Holy Grail to Mr Pierce, aged 44, whose inflatable canvas bags successfully refloated Rainbow Warrior, the Greenpeace ship, in Auckland harbour last year.

Mr Pierce believes that a similar system on a much larger scale could raise the Titanic.

However, Dr Ballard, leader of the American-French oceanographic survey team that discovered the wreck last September, has said that he believes any salvage attempt would destroy the wreck.

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts said Dr Ballard had reported exactly what he had observed during the expedition.

"There have been continuous pictures of the bow section. When Dr Ballard returns to Massachusetts on Monday, we will start examining all the photographs. But the view here is that the ocean has taken its toll on the wreck."

Eleven dives were made during the 12-day expedition and "more excellent photographs" of the Titanic were taken on the last day of filming.

But Mr Pierce, a Welsh aircraft engineer, who recovered nautical artefacts three years ago from the Lusitania, which lies 13 miles off the Irish coast in 340 feet of water, remains unconvinced.

He believes that if about £7 million was raised, a salvage operation could start next year.

He said a submersible developed at Lfrerme, the French government-run Institute of Research and Exploitation of the Sea, could reach depths of more than 20,000 feet.

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Massacre of 14 Hindu bus passengers in Punjab shocks Delhi

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Just as the Punjab authorities were beginning to think that they had the Sikh extremists on the run, four of them committed the most bloody massacre to date in the strife-torn state.

As first light struck the flooded paddy fields of the rich agricultural district of Faridkot yesterday, three men armed with Steg guns stopped the first bus of the day heading from the little town of Muktsar to the capital, Chandigarh.

They ordered the women and children off the bus, segregated the men into Hindus and Sikhs, and one by one shot the Hindus. The attackers were joined by a fourth man, who shot the Hindus. The attackers were joined by a fourth man, who shot the Hindus. The attackers were joined by a fourth man, who shot the Hindus.

The incident has caused widespread shock and condemnation in the state, and in Delhi. The state Cabinet immediately went into session to discuss the killings, and afterwards the Chief Minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, declared that they were "an outrage against humanity and all civilized norms".

His Government would take "drastic measures to track down the culprits of this ghastly crime and mete out stern punishment to them".

Mr Julio Ribeiro, the Punjab police chief, had recently raised his own success in forcing the extremists on to the defensive. He declared that a police operation last weekend in a low-lying riverine area of the state had captured vital hideouts and logistical stores, and that the gang leaders had been forced to flee.

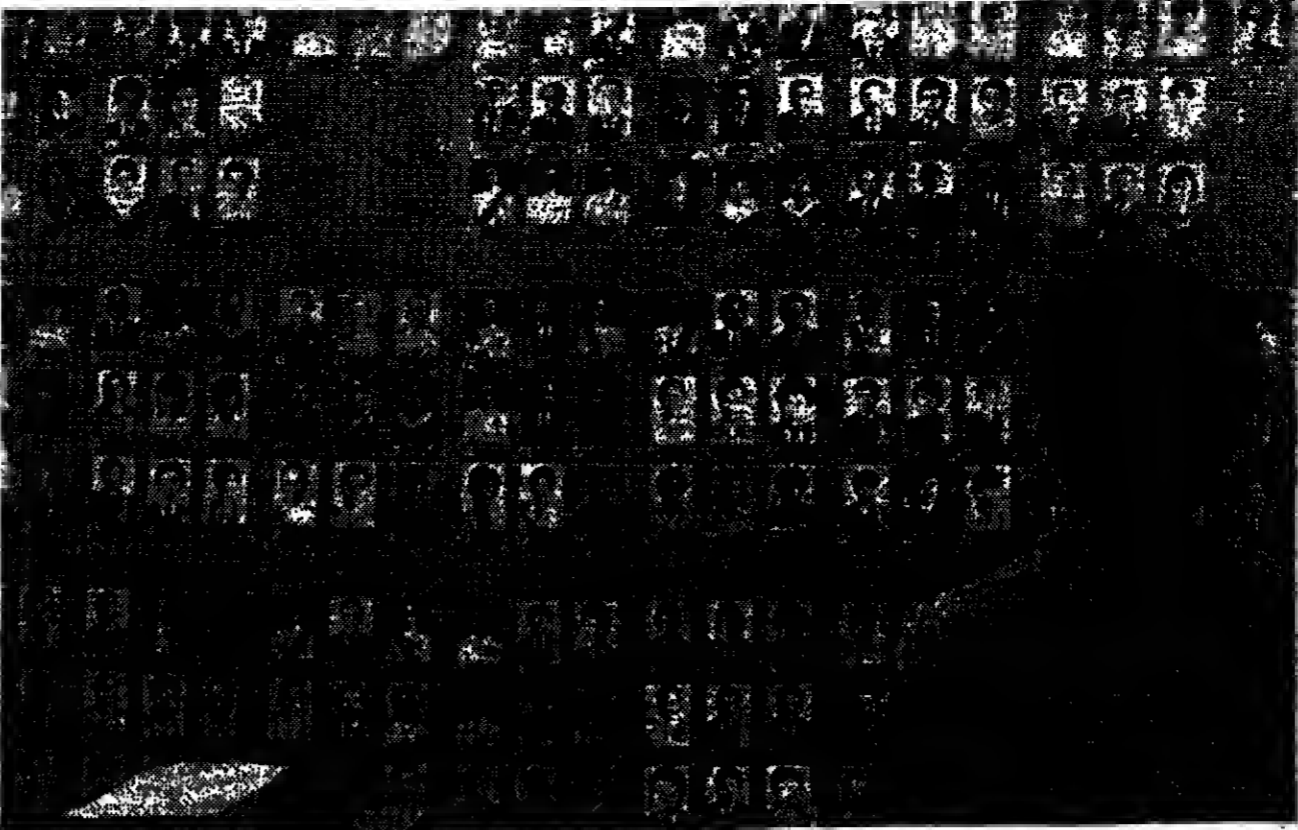
In a conversation with me earlier this week, Mr Surjit Singh indicated that in his view most of the extremists had joined the mainstream of political life in the state after the Punjab accord was signed last year. "Still, a large number

remain who try to create trouble," he said. "Many of these may come from the other side of the border, from Pakistan."

He flew to Muktsar to visit the site of the shootings and was joined by the state Governor, Mr S.S. Ray. The Home Minister in Delhi, Mr Bata Singh, also a Sikh, flew to Punjab in the wake of the attack.

An all-party meeting in Chandigarh yesterday called for a general strike today to protest at the killings. The meeting included representatives of both the Congress (I) Party of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, and of the Akali Dal, the Sikh religious party. The meeting had the support of trade union groups, which will ensure the success of the strike.

In May 11 people were shot dead by Sikh extremists in a busy bazaar in Amritsar. Yesterday's attack is reminiscent of the killing of six Hindu bus passengers in 1983, which was the immediate stimulus for the suspension of democratic government in the state and the imposition of direct rule from Delhi.



A voter in Bangkok City Hall yesterday surveying photographs of some of the thousands of candidates in the Thai elections.

Thai poll beset by corruption charges

Bangkok (Reuters)—Candidates in Thailand's general election, have accused opponents of bribery, using "ghost voters" and hiring gunmen to kill rivals in the final run-up to tomorrow's voting.

According to the Bangkok Post, ambitious politicians in northern Thailand have paid from 150,000 to 200,000 baht (£3,900 to £5,200) to hire killers to assassinate their rivals.

Police would neither confirm nor deny the report; the latest in a mounting stream about violence, but said the campaigning was less bloody than in the past.

They added, however, that they were investigating the murder of a candidate and several canvassers during the campaign, which has been high in personal rivalry and low in policy debate.

One candidate escaped unhurt last Saturday when his campaign van was riddled with M16 automatic rifle fire in Lamphun in northern Thailand.

In a bid to check violence, police have opened an election "peace-keeping centre" in Bangkok, and rounded up 5,000 people in a pre-poll crackdown on crime.

More than 120,000 men, including bomb disposal experts, border units, troops and police, will ensure security tomorrow, the police said.

According to a number of newspapers, banks in north-east Thailand were short of the 10 and 20 baht notes campaigners like to hand out to voters.

Lo Khon Kaen, in the north-east, a candidate promised 20,000 baht for information leading to the arrest of his rival, who was in hiding from an arrest warrant dating back to the 1979 election.

District registrars charge that some parties obtained fake identification cards to register "ghost voters".

General Prem Tinsulanonda, the Prime Minister, is tipped to lead a new government after the election, even though he is not a candidate.

The Thai system permits non-elected prime ministers and General Prem, the country's longest serving premier, has powerful backers despite his slipping popularity, analysts said.

The Army, the main power base in a country that has seen 15 coups or attempted coups since 1932, has signalled its support for the 65-year-old former general, in a radio broadcast criticizing his opponents. General Prem, who retired recently from the Army, also enjoys solid backing from the influential monarchy.

Only about half of the country's 26 million eligible voters are expected to turn out, and interest is mainly focused on the showings of the various parties that will form the inevitable coalition.

Sixteen mostly moderate parties have fielded 3,811 candidates. The fact that General Prem is not one of them has been one of the main issues in an otherwise dull campaign.

Attack on Bayonne law court

From Diana Geddes Paris

A vast police search was launched yesterday among suspected Basque separatists living in the Bayonne area of south-west France, after a terrorist attack on the main law court in the town.

Two men, one speaking in French and the other in Basque, later rang local radio stations on both sides of the border with Spain, to claim responsibility for the attack in the name of Iparretarrak, the French Basque separatist organization. The claims have not yet been authenticated.

The attack is believed to have been carried out in protest against the expulsion to Spain earlier this week of two Basque refugees living in France.

The move marked a significant hardening of the new right-wing French Government's attitude towards Spanish Basque militants living to exile on French soil. Neither man was being sought by the police in France or Spain.

The main French judges' union, the Syndicat de la Magistrature, has severely condemned what it regards as an "extradition to disguise" and an abuse of the procedure of "emergency expulsion".

The policeman, who was on duty outside the court in Bayonne, was injured in the arm and eye when terrorists to a passing car fired a hail of bullets in his direction as he went to investigate a violent explosion at the back of the court just before 5 am yesterday.

Two more bombs which had failed to explode were later found in the court's car park and another near a bank.

Dig uncovers 5,000-year-old state New light on China's past

From A Correspondent, Peking

Foreign archaeologists working in China's north-east province of Liaoning say they have unearthed the remains of a Chinese state 1,000 years older than China's supposed first dynasty, the New China News Agency reported yesterday.

During the past three years scientists and other experts have excavated six groups of stone tombs and a temple to a goddess at a remote village in the western part of the province.

A large sacrificial altar 31 miles east of the temple, and supposed by Chinese experts to belong to the same period, was uncovered during a torrential rain storm in 1979.

The relics, all of which are reckoned to be 5,000 years old, are said to belong to the "Hongshan" culture of the late Neolithic period.

Chinese archaeologists at the site said this week that, on the basis of these new finds, China's first state must have emerged more than 1,000 years earlier than Xia, hitherto supposed to be China's first dynasty. Xia flourished between the 21st and 16th centuries BC.

"Such a big centre of construction could hardly be the centre of merely a local tribe," Su Bingqi, vice-president of the Archaeological Society of China, said.

"They must be traces of social and political activities of an early state." Behind the 218-yard-wide temple is a square larger than a football field, under which archaeologists guess lies an ancient castle. Relics unearthed so far include broken statues of naked females, pieces of jade and implements that may have been used in sacrifices.

Archaeologists are particularly excited about two small female figurines found near the temple. These, together with an 8.8-inch-tall head of a goddess, painted in colours and with eyes of blue jade, may indicate that China's painted pottery had developed to a high standard in the Neolithic age.

The most attractive piece found so far is a vividly carved jade dragon.

This latest discovery is expected to give further impetus to China's renewed interest in archaeology, which died out during the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976).

Ambulance scandal in Rome

From Peter Nichols Rome

The dangers of falling ill in Rome in high summer have been underlined by the arrests of a doctor and five male Red Cross nurses, coupled with night visits by Carabinieri patrols to check on allegations of absenteeism by doctors and nurses.

The six arrests on Wednesday were ordered at the end of an inquiry into the Red Cross ambulance service opened a year ago. Those arrested were said to have demanded money before they would agree to take seriously ill people to hospital for emergency treatment.

They were also said to have accepted about £100 from undertakers, whom they tipped off about impending deaths, thereby giving them the chance to make offers to the bereaved families.

Another two people said to be involved in the first aid racket are still being sought.

The clampdown arose after a woman, seven months pregnant and suffering from asthma, died without proper medical attention on the way to hospital last month.

This week some 140 Carabinieri have swooped on three of Rome's leading hospitals to investigate allegations of unjustified absences by doctors and nursing staff.

The action, ordered by Signor Giorgio Santacroce, a Rome public prosecutor, is part of an inquiry into hospital absenteeism which he has been conducting for some three years.

The immediate results, he says, are not dramatic: a maximum of six people can be said to have been absent without justification in the three hospitals inspected.

But he says there remains the problem of a lack of personnel during the summer months.

The problem is exacerbated by extra overcrowding in Rome's hospitals caused by elderly people being sent for treatment when their families want to go away on holiday. The number of patients grows, while the chronic problems of too few staff with too little training is made worse by holidays.

Geneva talks seek common ground

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

American and Soviet experts, holding markedly different briefs, opened discussions in Geneva yesterday on nuclear testing, another step towards a second summit between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov.

The US delegation is headed by Mr Robert Barker, deputy assistant director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Soviet team by Mr Andranik Petrosyan, chairman of the Atomic Energy Committee.

The Russians want to talk about a treaty banning all nuclear tests, particularly as they have been observing a self-imposed moratorium on them since August 6 last year.

The Americans are no less eager to concentrate on verifying observance of the 1974 Threshold Treaty, which prohibits underground tests with yields exceeding 150,000 kilotons, and the 1976 Peaceful

Argentina showdown with striking pilots

From A Correspondent, Buenos Aires

Argentina's national airline, Aerolineas Argentinas, has decided to recruit new pilots, which will infuriate its 561 striking pilots.

The dispute between the state company and the pilots' union, the Argentine Association of Airline Pilots (Apla), which started at the beginning of July "is over and the only thing left is to begin restructuring the company with new pilots," the airline's president, Señor Horacio Domingorena, said last week, only hours before the Government revoked Apla's legal status.

The strike is being widely regarded as a test of strength for the Government's hopes of recasting labour relations and tackling inefficiency in public-owned companies.

On the surface, the cause of the strike was the pilots' unwillingness to accept a rise negotiated for all airline workers on June 19, after a six-day strike by all six airline unions. The pilots argue that their seniority and responsibilities merit special treatment.

But labour analysts argue that what is really at stake is the airline's ability to resist the union's pressure and then, taking advantage of the strike, streamline its most expensive category of employees. According to many people inside the airline, full service can be maintained with only 400 pilots.

Australia acts on US wheat row

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

The Hawke Government yesterday sought to recruit the support of Canada and Argentina in a dispute with the United States over sales of subsidized wheat.

The Australian Government had earlier urged President Reagan to veto Senate proposals to offload surplus wheat on "Australian" markets at an estimated cost to Canberra of up to \$AUS1 billion.

On Wednesday night Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, telephoned Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, to warn him that if the US extended wheat subsidies to the Soviet Union and China it would have a devastating effect on Australian producers and could damage bilateral relations.

Yesterday Mr Hawke asked Mr Brian Mulroney and Señor Raúl Alfonsín, the Canadian and Argentine leaders, to make representations to Washington.

Spanish Civil Guards jailed for torture

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Three Spanish Civil Guards have each been sentenced to six months imprisonment in Bilbao for torturing a detainee while seeking to obtain a confession of robbery in November 1982.

General José Sáenz de Santamaría, head of the paramilitary Civil Guard, has meanwhile been denounced for ordering other members of the force facing accusations of torture to attend a trial in Pamplona of colleagues accused of similar offences "in order to acquire experience".

The criticism of the general came from an underground Civil Guard trade union which said the order revealed a distrust of the courts.

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Three powers agree to air crisis hotline

Tokyo - America, Russia and Japan have agreed to set up a hotline to prevent the kind of misunderstanding which claimed 269 lives when Soviet jets shot down a South Korean jumbo jet in 1983 (A Correspondent writes).

Nevada nuclear test

Washington - The US has conducted its eighth underground nuclear weapons test this year, the Energy Department said (Mohsin Ali writes).

Last of 'family spy ring' convicted

From Iver Davis, Los Angeles

Jerry Whitworth, the last member of what has become known in the US as "the John Walker family spy ring" faces life in prison after being convicted in San Francisco of selling secrets to the Russians.

Whitworth, aged 46, sat impassively as a Federal Court jury, after deliberating for 10 days, returned guilty verdicts on seven espionage counts.

The accused, who retired from the US Navy in 1983 after 18 years as a radio technician, was convicted of selling secrets on satellite communications systems, decoding equipment and codes keys between 1974 and 1983 for a total of \$332,000 (£225,000). Each of the spy convictions carries a life sentence.

Some of the key testimonies against Whitworth came during the three-month trial from his old friend, John Walker. Walker, the confessed spy-master of a ring that included his son Michael, aged 25, and his brother Arthur, aged 51, who are both serving prison sentences for espionage, said he recruited Whitworth in 1975, to pass him labelled coding secrets and intelligence data.

Intelligence authorities have described the Walker operation as the most damaging spy ring since at least the 1950s.

The bearded, bespectacled Whitworth did not take the witness stand in his own defence.

The crux of the case seemed to hinge on whether the Navy cryptographic secrets were going to the Russians or to the Israelis, as Whitworth's lawyers said their client believed.

Walker, a key witness for the prosecution who is himself serving a life sentence, said Whitworth provided him with a steady stream of secret documents from 1975 to 1983, when Whitworth left the Navy.

The two men first met at a Navy school for radio operators in San Diego in 1970. Walker said that when he retired from the Navy in 1976 Whitworth became his main supplier of secret information.

The defence did not contest that Walker was selling secrets. But his lawyer, James Larson, said he was led to believe they were going to Israel and would never have passed secrets if he thought they were destined for Russia or would have hurt the US.

Walker testified that he never told Whitworth he was dealing with the Russians, but lied and said the secrets were going to Allied nations or a private intelligence agency.

However, the prosecutor, Ms Leida Schoggen, contended that even without Walker's testimony there was a strong case that Whitworth knew who his customers were. She pointed to testimony by a series of Navy and intelligence officials who said Whitworth was drilled repeatedly on the need to keep the code from falling into Soviet hands.

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Westland affair

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No 10 accused of conspiracy

Leaking it, selectively or in full, was the raison d'être of the letter. The specific charge against the Prime Minister was that the dirty work, the decision to leak, took place before it was suggested to the Solicitor General that he should write a letter.

In all innocence Sir Patrick Mayhew wrote the letter. The only way the Downing Street controversy.

He referred to Mrs Thatcher's talk about the virtues of unity to the backbench 1922 Committee last night and declared: But this debate is on the need for the virtue of integrity in public life.

In an adjournment debate before the House rose for the summer recess, Mr Dallyell claimed that the letter written by the Solicitor General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, which is at the heart of the controversy, was always intended to be leaked to do down the infernal nuisance that Mr Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for Defence, had become.

Mr Dallyell accused Mrs Thatcher, Mr Leon Brittan, the former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Bernard Ingham, press secretary at No 10 Downing Street, claiming: These three cooked up the scheme of getting one of the law officers to send a letter which they intended to leak wholly or in part.

Ministerial nod or wink or instruction. The affair, Mr Dallyell said, showed that Mrs Thatcher was unsuitable to lead one of the great parties of the country and was to be the occupant of No 10 Downing Street.

If Mrs Thatcher accepted ministerial responsibility, her office and Mr Ingham, in particular, were guilty of unacceptable conduct and should be disciplined.

Mr Dallyell asked why, after the internal inquiry into the leak, were the police not called in as in the case of Clive Ponting.

They were quick enough (he added) to bring in the police over Ponting and Tisdall. Was this to shield someone?

Why could not the report by Sir Robert Armstrong, Head of the Home Civil Service, be made public? No question of national security was involved. Mr Richard Lacey, Minister with responsibility for the Civil Service, said Mr Dallyell sometimes became so obsessed with an issue that he lost his balance and objectivity. One of his obsessions was that there was a continual conspiracy in government against the nation. He lived in a world of illusions and this often diminished the credibility of his case.

The Select Committee on

Defence had clearly said that it accepted Mrs Thatcher's statement that she had no idea of what was taking place on the day the letter was written. Referring to criticisms about civil servants not being allowed to give evidence to the select committee, Mr Lacey said there was a tendency more and more to summon officials to court, to reflect on this important issue, particularly the tendency to examine the conduct of individual officials.

I hope the select committees (he said) will return to the principles hitherto accepted as a basis on which officials give evidence to these committees.

Minister rejects VAT proposal

The Government utterly rejected as flimsy, ill-conceived and narrow based the contention by the EEC Commission that the UK was wrong to zero rate for VAT new building and other items, Sir George Young, Under Secretary of State for Environment, said in the Commons.

Mr John Heddle (Mid-Staffordshire, C) had referred to the instigation of proceedings against the UK in the European Court of Justice for the removal of this zero-rating. He said if the decision of the European Court went against the Government, it would fundamentally challenge the housing policies of the Government over new building, particularly the switch of emphasis from the public to the private sector.

Sir George Young said the Government would fight the Commission, whose case was legally bizarre, all along the line on this issue. Harmonization was being pursued for its own sake and the imposition of VAT on construction and particularly new housebuilding would be a deterrent to development.

Labour MP demands inquiry into police

A call for a public inquiry into the police handling of what he described as a trade union May Day parade at the home of the National Graphical Association was demanded by Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham North-East, Lab) in the Commons.

He made the demand during a short adjournment debate when he accused the Metropolitan Police of brutality against men, women and children.

He also wanted accountability of the Metropolitan Police through a democratically elected police authority within a framework set up by Parliament.

This was rejected by Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Home Office.

Mr Leighton said the May Day parade on May 3 to brief people who had marched from Scotland to support the 5,500 MPA through the Home Office was a disgrace. The school caretaker was prepared to give evidence.

Mr Shaw said that for more than 150 years, accountability had been put on the Home Secretary by Parliament. This had had the support of both parties for a long time.

The accountability offered to meet Mr Leighton's demand was a change of the Home Secretary and the Home Office was substantial, through parliamentary questions, for instance. The Metropolitan force was open to more direct questioning by MPs than any other force.

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Senate pressure forces US to study measures against Pretoria whites

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

In another twist to its beleaguered South Africa policy, the Reagan Administration is urgently studying a series of "restrictive measures" aimed specifically at the white minority population. The measures clearly fall far short of the punitive sanctions that are being firmly resisted by President Reagan. But they do go some way towards meeting congressional demands for a more assertive stand against Pretoria.

Black citizenship hopes are dashed

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Millions of black people living in the independent homelands will have no chance of regaining their South African citizenship despite earlier government pledges that this was its intention. Details of the new Restoration of South African Citizenship Act have been outlined by the Department of Home Affairs in Pretoria.

Only people who are citizens of Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei but who work and live permanently in the homelands will qualify for restored South African citizenship. It is estimated that about five million people residing permanently in the homelands will have no chance of regaining their citizenship. They will also have to obtain work permits to work in South Africa or face severe penalties under the Aliens Act.

Cavaco's land Bill defeated

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

The Portuguese Parliament has voted down the Government's proposed revision of the agrarian reform law. While this was expected, it represents yet another parliamentary defeat for Professor Aguiar Cavaco Silva, the Prime Minister, and once more raises the possibility that his Social Democrat Government might resign.

The Government proposed to dismantle a large part of the system of land-holding in the agrarian reform region of Alentejo, which was introduced in 1977, after most of the large estates were occupied by farm workers and turned into co-operative farms.

In Parliament on Thursday the Socialists, Communists, Democratic Renewal Party, Democratic Movement Party and the Greens voted against the Government. Only the right-wing Christian Democrats gave it their support.

The leader of the Democratic Renewal Party, Senhor Herminio Martinho, told Parliament that his party was willing to talk to other parties to find an alternative to the present Government if it resigned. He thought that this was preferable to calling elections.

The Social Democrats have said they would not take part in a coalition government without calling elections. Senhor Cavaco Silva believes his party, which won 29 per cent of the vote in October, could now get a majority, which is very doubtful.

The Socialists do not want elections before they have organized their party and changed their image under their new leader, Senhor Vitor Constancio, who replaced Dr Mario Soares when he was elected President in January. They do not want to form a coalition, but might be willing to join one if there was no alternative.

Islands minister rejects charges

By Rodney Cowton

Mr Nathaniel Francis, who resigned on Thursday as Chief Minister of the remote British colony of the Turks and Caicos Islands, yesterday rejected criticisms that his Government had indulged in unconstitutional behaviour, political discrimination and administrative malpractices.

These charges are levelled at Mr Francis and two colleagues who resigned with him, Mr Robert Hall, who had been Minister of Health and Education, and Mr Alden Durham, Minister of Works, in a report prepared by Mr Louis Blom-Cooper QC.

There had been fears that the constitutional changes might provoke civil unrest on the islands, which lie 200 miles east of Cuba, but yesterday all was said to be peaceful. Mr Timothy Egar, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, repeated these allegations in the Commons when he reported the Government's decision to replace the executive council in the islands with an advisory council.

He said: "This is an interim measure. We are not suspending the constitution and substituting direct administration by the Governor. We are not taking away the franchise. We will appoint a constitutional commission to review the constitution and make recommendations for the future. It will aim to conclude its review by the end of the year and will be followed by fresh elections."

Mr Egar said that Mr Blom-Cooper's report had found Mr Francis and two of his ministerial colleagues "unfit to hold ministerial office". It had also found that the leader of the Opposition party and a senior Opposition figure had been involved in a conspiracy to commit public order offences in order to overthrow Mr Francis's Government.

Mr Blom-Cooper had observed that "such is the corrupting effect of patronage throughout the system that this was the only means of protest open to them". The report says "the position of the Government as the main employer and dispenser of largesse has, against the background of the patronage system, put great power into the hands of 'unscrupulous politicians'". It says persistent unconstitutional behaviour, contraventions of the freedom of the individual from political discrimination and "intolerable (not to say seditious) conduct by leading Opposition members are constant blights upon a constitutionally ordered society which is already displaying signs of political instability".

The report specifically excludes from criticism Mr Emmanuel Missick, who only took office as Minister of Commerce and Development and Tourism in May. Both Mr Francis and Mr Hall yesterday criticized Mr Blom-Cooper's findings. Mr Francis denied that there had been abuse of the power of patronage, and said Mr Blom-Cooper had been wrong to recommend that he, Mr Hall and Mr Durham should not again hold ministerial responsibility. He believed that the British had wanted to topple his Government and had succeeded. He thought they had wanted to do so because they thought there had been a link between him and a previous Chief Minister and two other former ministers who had been convicted of drug offences in Florida.



Fires devastate forests on Riviera

A devastated landscape shows the effects of two days of fires on the French Riviera, which have destroyed more than 15,000 acres of forest, threatened villages and caused thousands to flee from homes and camping sites. Reinforcements have had to be flown in from Paris to help the 3,000 firemen brought in from 10 departments in the surrounding area (Diana Geddes writes).

Problems go on hold at the UN

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Several difficult international problems in which Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, has been involved for much of his term in office will have to be put on hold for some weeks while he recovers from heart bypass surgery.

In a four-hour operation on Thursday, surgeons performed a quadruple bypass after finding abnormalities in what had been described as precautionary tests. Senor Perez de Cuellar, who is 66, had complained of extreme fatigue when he returned from a long European tour last week. He cancelled visits to several African countries due to begin this week. His mediation efforts have focused on the conflicts in

Press report of West Bank offer

Peres 'prepared to make concessions'

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

An intriguing and apparently authoritative report in one of Beirut's leading daily newspapers yesterday suggested that Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, was prepared to make concessions in his talks with King Hassan, telling the Moroccan monarch that "everything is negotiable providing it does not undermine Israel's security", and promising to give "serious thought" to aspects of the Arab peace plan agreed at Fez four years ago.

The report, by Mr Amin Radwan, the Cairo correspondent of *As Safir*, was reportedly obtained from Egyptian sources after King Hassan gave President Mubarak a long telephone briefing on his meeting with Mr Peres. It says that the Israeli Prime Minister was prepared to give Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip "autonomy" for five years, followed by "the right to self-determination" five years later. Palestinians on the West Bank could then choose to live under Israeli sovereignty or to a "confederation" with Jordan.

The paper quoted Mr Peres as saying that "regardless of any framework the Palestinians may eventually opt for, they will not be allowed to have an army of their own. After 15 years, they can establish some form of diplomatic missions abroad and at the United Nations". According to *As Safir*, the Israeli Prime Minister refused to negotiate with Mr Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization because they were "a group of terrorists". The paper's correspondent

Shamir vows to carry on talks with Arabs

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the leader of the Likud faction, said yesterday that he means to continue the policy of trying to hold meetings with Arab leaders when he takes over as Prime Minister of Israel from Mr Shimon Peres in October. In a radio interview after an hour-long briefing from Mr Peres on his meeting with King Hassan, Mr Shamir said there was no possibility of direct short-term progress as a result of the Morocco talks. But he added: "Without doubt I shall try to continue these contacts, which will ultimately bring peace between the Arabs and ourselves".

Mr Shamir was not very impressed with the achievement of the Morocco meeting. "Hassan did not say it was a failure, and Peres did not describe it as an extraordinary success," he said. Mr George Bush, the US Vice-President, arrives in Israel tomorrow at the start of a 12-day Middle East tour during which he is expected to try to exploit the break in the Arab front which has appeared with the Peres visit. The trip has long been planned, probably as part of his campaign for Jewish support of his candidacy in the 1988 presidential elections.

Greeks vie for 'lost RAF gold'

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The British Embassy in Athens has asked the Greek Ministry of Defence to investigate reports that rival Greek treasure-hunters are after the sunken wreck of a wartime Royal Air Force plane off the island of Euboea, in an attempt to retrieve a reported cargo of gold coins.

"If indeed there is such gold, we shall certainly claim it, since it would still be British Government property," an embassy spokesman said yesterday. The embassy was alerted when the Greek Ministry of Merchant Marine announced this week that it had granted a licence for underwater exploration in the Gulf of Oreoi, off the north coast of Euboea. However, Mr Christos Eleftheriou, a machinist aged 51, who was born in Oreoi, asked the authorities to withdraw the licence on the ground that he had seen the downing of the aircraft and already obtained permits himself.

He claims that he saw the British plane ditch after a dogfight with German aircraft in the summer of 1943 and sink some 400 yards from the fishing boat he was in. "I was then aged seven and we were fishing with dynamite. I know exactly where it is," he said. He claims he was negotiating the hire of the *Poseidon* for the search when he discovered that her owner had applied for a licence himself.

Reports that the aircraft was carrying 20 cases of gold sovereigns, which could have a current value of 140 million drachmas (£70 million), are attributed by Mr Eleftheriou to the unnamed pilot of the RAF plane, who apparently survived the crash and was reported to have gone to Oreoi last summer with divers in an attempt to find the wreck. The Ministry of Merchant Marine said it had no record of a licence for any Briton to search for aircraft wreckage in that area. British Embassy sources in Athens said that if the plane did carry any gold they doubted whether it would be as much as is reported.

"If this was a cargo of gold on its way to Middle East headquarters, it would not have been overflying German-occupied Greece, particularly in broad daylight," he said. "But if it was headed for the Greek mountains to make a drop of gold coins for the partisans, it would not have been anywhere near that quantity."

Martyr of Shias alive in Libya, envoy says

Beirut (AFP) - Imam Moussa Sadr, the Lebanese founder of the Shia Muslim Amal movement, who vanished on a visit to Libya in 1978, is alive in a Libyan jail, according to the Lebanese Ambassador to Senegal, Mr Ahmad Ibrahim.

He has told his Government, quoting Senegalese officials, that the Imam is in Sibha with a Lebanese journalist, Mr Abbas Badreddine, but that Sheikh Mohammed Yaacoub, who was also on the trip, died in jail. Imam Moussa went to Libya at the invitation of Colonel Gaddafi, and the affair has poisoned Lebanese-Libyan relations. He is widely regarded as a Shia martyr, with a fanatical following.

Mauritians quit Cabinet

Port Louis (Reuters) - Three Mauritian MPs have resigned, saying that the Prime Minister, Mr Anerood Jugnauth, had failed to lead both the country and his Militant Socialist Movement party.

They are the Agriculture Minister, Mr Nunkeswarsingh Deepalsingh, the Works Minister, Mr Rohit Niemo Beedassy, and the Minister of Local Government, Mr Rashidally Soobadar, all of MSM.

Chess draw

Bienna, Switzerland (AP) - Werner Hug of Switzerland held Tony Miles, the British grandmaster, to a draw in an adjourned game at the Bienna international chess tournament. John Nunn of Britain retained the lead, with three points from four rounds.

Time to rest

Tokyo (Reuters) - The Japanese Cabinet will cancel six summer meetings to force civil servants and ministers to rest and to help to tone down Japan's "workaholic" image.

Fallen hero

Givskud, Denmark (Reuters) - Frederik, the shy bull elephant which fled and fell after persistent sexual harassment from seven amorous she-elephants, has died of a heart attack.

UN expulsion

Washington (Reuters) - The US has expelled Mr Abreza Deyhim, the third-ranking member of Iran's United Nations diplomatic delegation, on charges of spying.

Final flight

Caracas (UPI) - A man carrying both Swiss and Italian identity died at Caracas airport after two of 18 packets of cocaine apparently broke open in his stomach on a flight from Rio.

Appeal denied

Zagreb (Reuters) - The Croatian Supreme Court rejected an appeal by Andrija Artukovic, the Yugoslav war criminal aged 86, against the death sentence imposed in May.

Long curfew

Colombo - The Sri Lanka Parliament extended the state of emergency for another month by 124 votes to one. Two parties abstained, and the Communist MP voted against.

Hostage freed

Zamboanga (AP) - A Filipino woman kidnapped with a Swiss tourist last week by Muslim separatists in the southern Philippines has been released.

Swim to jail

Tokyo (Reuters) - A Korean wanted for drug smuggling has surrendered to police after claiming he swam the freezing 32-mile straits from South Korea to Japan to escape.

£1m win lost

Baltimore (UPI) - A Maryland £1 million lottery fortune was lost when the ticket was neither received in the mail nor handed in. The amount will be added to the next draw.

Nuns set free

Nairobi (UPI) - Two American nuns, Sister Sean Underwood, aged 43, a Medical Mission of Mercy pilot, and Sister Nancy Lyons, aged 49, who were captured by rebels in southern Sudan on Monday, have been freed.

East Germans' refugee ploy upsets the West

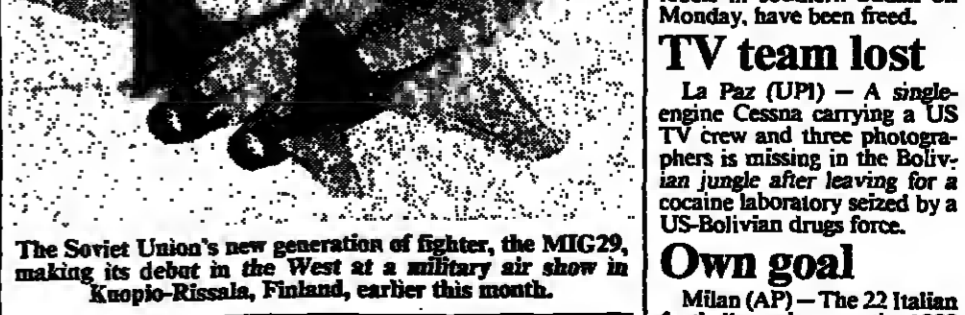
From Frank Johnson, West Berlin

West Berliners are becoming annoyed that, unlike in the old days, the world does not seem to be taking much interest in the latest Berlin crisis. The crisis has for weeks taken the form of East Germany sending over from East Berlin thousands of "refugees" from the Third World - Iranians, Pakistanis, Ghanaians, Lebanese, Sri Lankans. Some stay in West Berlin. Others make their way to West Germany.

After the Second World War, West Germany - and by extension West Berlin - adopted an impeccably liberal policy on political asylum. This was partly because Germany was divided and, before the Berlin Wall went up, millions of Germans were leaving East Germany for West Germany, via Berlin. But all that was before mass jet travel. East Germany has realized that West Germany's liberalism about asylum-seekers offers a way of making money for its unglamorous airlines. Interflur advertises in Third World newspapers, offering a way of reaching the West without a visa being needed. The fare from Ghana, for example, is about £300. The Ghanaians, another Third World national, arrive at East Berlin's airport. They receive a transit visa allowing them to go through East Berlin to the Wall. There they are told, accurately enough, that they can cross to the other side and will not be asked for papers once there. Some walk over at one of the

West shown new MiG

The Soviet Union's new generation of fighter, the MiG29, making its debut in the West at a military air show in Kuopio-Rissala, Finland, earlier this month.



Progress in Hong Kong talks

The fourth round of meetings of the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, overseeing the transition of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty after 1997, ended in London yesterday with both sides agreeing that positive results had been achieved (Rodney Cowton writes). Among topics discussed had been the Hong Kong shipping register, certificates of identity and air service agreements. The design for a Hong Kong identity card had been agreed.

pedestrian crossing points. Others catch underground or surface trains at Friedrichstrasse, the last station on the eastern side of the Wall. The Interflur courier explains that they can either stay in West Berlin, or should make their way to the main railway station and catch a long-distance train to Helmsstedt, the first West German town reached on the main line westward from Berlin. The courier tells them that there is one word which they must remember, so as to use it to the first policeman or official who stops them, either in West Berlin or on the platform at Helmsstedt-asylum. Otherwise there is a risk they might be sent back to East Berlin. In reality, most of the asylum-seekers, with the possible exception of some of the Iranians, are economic, rather than political, refugees. Yet all insist that they are fleeing persecution. The traffic is expected to reach 100,000 this year. Under the asylum laws the West Germans and West Berliners must provide accommodation. Tents have been put up in West Berlin and halls requisitioned by the municipality. A huge burden has been placed on the small town of Helmsstedt. Here in West Berlin, it is broadly agreed that, while the East Germans' main motive is their never-ending search for hard currency, there are several other advantages from their point of view: it places a burden on West Germany. As West Germans become angry and start to say rude things about all these black and brown abusers of the right of asylum, it enables West Ger-

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SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

Second base

As the hunt goes on for the new boom sport, this column can see nothing to stop baseball sweeping the country...

Meanwhile, publishers are vying to commission baseball books, and Sportsbooks bookshop in London reports brisk sales of imported baseball literature...

Stoical

Hampstead Cricket Club is preparing for one of the game's more bizarre centenaries on August 4...

Shahrazad has done this column favours by winning the Derby and the Irish Derby, but I am deserting him in the Diamonds...

Padded out

Cricket is holding its own on the Continent; the Italian national team play 11 matches in England next month...

Claire shot

Brighton College Junior School is doing its bit to take cricket into the 21st century...

Send for Phil

The answer to the current woes of England cricket is to appoint Phil Edmunds as captain...

Lofted

Now that his suspension is over, Ian Botham will be spending more time on the cricket field than the river bank...

BARRY FANTONI



She's losing her grip. The time to publish it was Wednesday morning.



Burges's tomb for Captain Charles Ricketts, neglected in Kensal Green; and a statue of Grief that now adorns a goldfish pond in Norwood

Geoffrey Munn on Victorian masterpieces that are being left to rot

Where great art lies dying

In 1984 the Manchester City Museum and Art Gallery paid £19,000 for a painted chest of drawers by the celebrated architect William Burges (1827-1881)...

Designed as a tomb for the sea captain Charles Ricketts, who served under Nelson, it is a fine and concentrated expression of Victorian neo-Gothic architecture...

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A due to understanding how permanent the Victorians thought their monuments is given by the amount of money they spent on them...

The gradual return of the 2,604 acres of London's hundred or so cemeteries to the wild has its own charm. However, lack of maintenance is a severe threat to the best of the sculptures...

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Dr Freud's house of dreams

Three years and nearly £750,000 on, the Freud Museum is ready to open its doors to an international public...

Joseph Connolly visits a new museum devoted to the father of psychoanalysis

recreated his Viennese consulting room, study and library. Anos Freud kept them perfectly intact for 40 years after his death...



So far, so "mouth-watering". I confess, then, to having been a little dismayed during the past couple of years as mountain after mountain of builder's rubble - floors, walls, windows - kept appearing at the kerbside...

The sad and neglected Brompton cemetery also suffers from vandalism. Mercifully the greatest work of art within the grounds, and arguably within any of the London cemeteries, remains relatively unaffected by weather...

Some of the finest monuments in London's cemeteries, like the Philipson mausoleum at Golders Green, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, are on such a grand scale that no radical steps can be taken to preserve them beyond the attentions of a few diligent conservation groups...

The Brompton cemetery is owned by the Department of the Environment and to it the Victoria and Albert Museum is ultimately responsible. Logically, the museums would seem the perfect venue for the tomb designed by Burne-Jones...

It is nearly too late for Norwood, where so much has already been destroyed. Even recently an inspired marble sculpture in the form of a personification of grief, already robbed of its authorship and original position by previous demolitions, has been singled out...

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Frank Johnson A fare-dodger is helped

The other day, I was detained for travelling without a valid ticket on the Bonn underground railway...

Watched, from behind their newspapers, by other passengers - none of whom showed any sign of intervening or of getting involved in any way - I was removed from the train by several uniformed officials...

I was taken up a flight of steps to an office in the railway station: asked by a man behind a desk to produce my papers; questioned about my country of origin...

I was shocked. Uniformed officials taking travellers off trains; other passengers simply doing nothing; men with important-looking peaked caps, past an armed policeman on the platform...

The sociologist - a charming young woman working for a market research institute which was carrying out a survey on behalf of the Bonn transport authority - led me into a room...

The painful maintenance afforded by the majority of cemetery owners is quite inadequate. But this need not be true of possibly the two or three most important monuments in London's open air...

How did you come to be travelling with a valid ticket? she read. It could be noticed that, in brackets after the question, was the advice to the interrogator, "explore in detail".

Bonn's railway is completely automated. You buy your ticket from a machine on the station, and either get it stamped in another machine which is also on the station, or do so at machines on the train...

A woman priest must be supremely chaste and pure. A virgin was kidnapped by hijackers and sold. She was bought by a pimp and made a prostitute...

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For example, take the rhetorical figure of speech that he called Anastrophe, the reversal of the normal order of words. Do it all the time is what we backs do, to grab the attention of strap-hangers in the Underground...

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Philip Howard Seneca on Grub St

which the blats live. If you want to persuade the waverers to buy your paper, you need to shout. That is why words like Shock! and Horror! and Row! are popular in headlines...

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Chris Wormell

ing labelling is the journalistic trick of labelling a piece Exclusive. This is meant to say: "Look at us; how clever we are..."

Every day on the news stands you can see examples of Climax (the ladder, or words arranged in ascending order of emphasis)

Metonymy means the change of name, the use of some kindred word in place of the ordinary one. Classical example, the Aeneid, which we seem to have got into in a big way this morning, book 6, 165: "To kindle Mars (i.e. battle) with his trumpet"

Hyperbole is the element in

Vertical text on the far right edge, including "IMPART", "Perrington", and "REI".



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IMPARTIAL AND SENSITIVE

When the enforcement of the law becomes entangled with racial concerns, the police are expected to act in accordance with two injunctions which, though perfectly compatible in strict logic, may sometimes point in opposite directions and which always demand a difference of emphasis. The first is that the law must be enforced ("there must be no no-go areas"); and the second is that the law must be enforced "sensitively."

In some interpretations, of course, these injunctions actually contradict each other. When "community leaders" from minority communities ask the police to enforce the law relating to drug abuse sensitively because drug-taking is part of a Caribbean culture, they are usually asking for a discreetly blind eye to law-breaking.

The criticisms of Thursday's Metropolitan Police anti-drug operation in Brixton - criticisms from both local community leaders and some visiting Euro-MPs - come perilously close to such absurdity. Whatever the final result of court proceedings against the more than 50 people charged, it is generally agreed that drug-dealing is firmly established in the area. This has brought other crimes in its train. Local residents were understandably anxious and called upon the police to take action. A police operation of some kind was plainly justified.

It might perhaps be argued that the actual raid - which involved 340 police officers, with 1,500 more in reserve, some of them armed - was an excessive use of police resources? But the police had good cause to act with sufficient force to make resistance pointless. Policemen had been injured before, when attempting arrests. And in the event, a machete, knives, a handgun and ammunition, as well as drugs, were seized.

Ms Linda Bellos, the Labour leader of Lambeth council, advances the more fanciful theory that the police operation was "designed to cause a riot situation"? But the police had warned community leaders of their intentions and printed a letter explaining their action to local residents. That hardly suggests a provocative intent.

Anyway, whom did the police intend to provoke? Not those local residents who called on them to take action. There are only groups of people who might understandably take serious offence at the police raid - the drug dealers themselves, and those to whom any police action is suspect because the police themselves are suspect.

There are further refinements of hypocrisy - on both sides of the argument. Those who advocate "sensitivity" in drug law enforcement tend to deplore the failure of the police

to act with sufficient vigour and impartiality against racial harassment. But it must be said that those who are most keen to enforce the anti-drug laws without qualifications have not always been loud in demanding that the law be enforced more vigorously against racial attacks.

On the face of it, the argument might be made that these crimes, however, vicious, are ordinary crimes of violence to be dealt with by regular police methods. But this week's report of the Commons Home Affairs Committee establishes clearly that where the police have made special arrangements to counter such racial violence, they have had quite dramatic success. In Tower Hamlets, for instance, such methods as a 24-hour helpline and the use of volunteers from the local Bangladeshi community, which testify to increased police awareness of the problem, have pushed up the arrest/clear up rate from 8 per cent in 1984 to 31 per cent a year later.

The report's recommendations deserve wide circulation and quick adoption. The law is enforced when it is enforced impartially against all criminals. It is enforced sensitively when it is enforced impartially on behalf of all law-abiding citizens. And between these two injunctions, there is, happily, no contradiction.

CHERNOBYL OBSCURED

Last weekend, the people of the Soviet Union were given their first insight into the scale of the Chernobyl disaster. A tentative and sketchy press report on the interim findings of the government investigation noted the cause of the accident (an unauthorized experiment) and alluded to its longer-term effects, on people's health, on agriculture and on the Soviet power grid.

This report appeared nearly three months after the Chernobyl radiation leak was detected in Sweden. Throughout that time cause and effect had been consistently obscured behind a Soviet epic in which firefighters, doctors, scientists and displaced people became heroes.

The information gap allowed speculation, some of it irresponsible, to run rife. In the West there was talk of several thousand dead, of a clandestine military application of the reactor. In the Soviet Union people exchanged tales of genetic mutation and recommended alcohol as an antidote to radiation sickness. Unaccustomed to detailed information, they magnified snippets of fact to the proportions of a natural disaster. And, reading between the incomplete lines of the preliminary investigation, they were not far wrong.

The findings are disturbing both for what they say and for what they do not say. What they say is that the accident occurred as a result of an unauthorized experiment on a reactor withdrawn for maintenance. We, and the Soviet public, are asked to believe

that workers at the power station took it upon themselves to conduct experiments on a nuclear reactor without authorization, without supervision, and outside their normal working time.

This stretches credibility, both because of the dangers of such an enterprise, and because of the prevailing attitude to work in the Soviet Union. Overtime is rarely voluntary and taking initiative - of any kind - is a high risk proposition and one the majority of Soviet workers avoid, a trait which is frequently blamed for the country's poor economic performance.

No, if experiments were being conducted and if they were not authorized through the prescribed channels, the likelihood is that they were authorized by someone else. Whether this was the ministry responsible for the power station, at republic or national level, a research establishment or even, as some suspect, the military, the blame for the accident does not rest with the workers alone.

Similarly, the decision - made public in the interim report - to institute criminal proceedings against those held responsible. An accident of the order of Chernobyl is not a matter for a criminal prosecution alone, or even at all. It requires a more fundamental analysis of what caused or contributed to the action - or inaction - of those indicted.

And here is where the preliminary findings (at least as far as they have been reported) are most disappointing. Responsibility is assigned

in the time-honoured Soviet manner to personal failings, rather than failings of the system. Heads have rolled, up to and including the head of a deputy minister. The Communist Party has issued its reprimands. The whole tragic episode has been cited as an example of why the Soviet leader's campaign to bring discipline and order to the Soviet work force is so important. Chernobyl has been harnessed to Mr Gorbachov's cause. But the cause remains unchanged and unquestioned.

Nothing in the Soviet government's preliminary findings (as they have been reported) touches on either the design or the operation of the Soviet Union's nuclear power stations. There are no generalizations, however tentative, about the siting of nuclear power stations, about the future of the country's nuclear power programme, about the potential risks of nuclear power poorly managed. There is only the certainty that proceeds from fixing blame on individuals.

The Soviet authorities have promised to present their full report, running to several hundred pages at a special meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency in a month's time. Whether or not the report is made public - and it should be made public for the benefit of every other country which has or plans to build nuclear power stations - it must ask not only who, but also why. And if the Soviet authorities lack the courage to pose that question, it should be done for them.

REIGNING CATS - AND DOGS

Slowly but inexorably, the government has nerved itself to do away with dog licences. Our rulers are wise to have considered their position carefully; in this country, dogs stir passions unknown elsewhere. Fido, Rex and Pride of Tralee the Third can do nothing wrong (in their owners' eyes, at any rate), and the mere hint of a suggestion that they will bear watching (whence the licence) has always been apt to cloud the atmosphere.

Others take, to put it mildly, a contrary view. We have heard it said that the licence fee should be raised to £1,000, or £150,000 (a week) for anyone who wants to sport a Doberman Pinscher; such people jeer at Fido and cross the road nervously when they see Rex tugging at his lead. We have never wished to take sides. But our proximity to the Isle of Dogs has meant that it might become matter for embarrassment if we did not declare ourselves sometime.

On the matter of the licenses itself we have nothing to add. A different aspect of the matter falls to be considered. Has it ever struck you as odd that nobody has ever advocated the licensing of cats, at no matter what rate a year? It cannot be a coincidence, surely; nor can

this extraordinary one-sidedness be attributed to a lapse by some Under-Secretary in 1878. What is it about cats that has always made them not only unlicensable, but manifestly seen to be unlicensable?

Well, just look at the creatures. You can call them serene, if you love them, or smug, if you don't, but in either case you realize that such self-sufficiency, such lithe contempt for regulations and good order, such sleek certainty of purpose - undiscoverable by us though that purpose may be - means that any attempt to demand to see their licences would be rejected with a mixture of scorn and hilarity; not for nothing did some wise observer coin the phrase "enough to make a cat laugh", thus indicating that only the very finest jest, the cream of jests you might say, will suffice to make a cat give way publicly to mirth. But trying to license them would certainly have brought cat-laughing galore.

It has been, of course, unfair to dogs. But that is not our concern; the universe is unfair, and it behoves all sensible folk to recognize the fact and stop complaining about what they cannot alter. In Ancient Egypt, cats were worshipped, and they clearly got a taste for it; so

this day they go about as though they expect hourly libations, and most of the time they are not disappointed. Perhaps one day there will be an Animal Equality Commission, before which the dogs may plead that they are suffering from an inferiority complex, but that day is not yet.

The cats (if they will pardon the expression), still rule the roost, and anyone trying to reverse the order of animal priorities will be lucky to escape with nothing but scratches. All through the ages, though it must gail the dog-lovers to admit it, the special status of the cat has been recognized. Did not the great Beethoven call his Fifth Symphony O Puss 67? If he loved them so much that he not only kept so many but counted them so carefully, the rest of us had better not argue.

It may be objected that we have still not declared ourselves on the matter of dog-licences. No, but we have always faced reality. Liberty or licence, that is the question. We have always known enough to give the cats, at least, their liberty. Whether dogs are ready now for equality and fraternity, is something which only they and Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Animal Kingdom, can decide.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Palace and Number 10

From Mr A. L. Le Quesne
Sir, It is impossible to react with anything but total dismay to the revelations of the supposed breach between the Queen and the Prime Minister published in yesterday's Sunday Times, and to the point to which the cult of the "inspired leak" has now brought us. There appear to be three possible interpretations of the revelations, all deeply creditable to all or some of those involved and all more or less alarming.

Firstly, there is the possibility that the story was made up by The Sunday Times, or, more likely, that it was based on a gross exaggeration of a gross misunderstanding of some genuine information from the Palace. If so, the discredit lies overwhelmingly on the shoulders of the Editor of The Sunday Times and his staff; this seems to me on the whole the least alarming of the three possibilities, but the depths of irresponsibility it would imply in the management of a leading national newspaper would itself be quite sufficiently appalling.

Secondly, The Sunday Times may have reported accurately and in good faith information which it had received from the Palace and originating with one or more of the Queen's personal advisers acting on their own initiative with the aim of influencing public policy by doing so.

I do not think that this possibility (on the whole the most likely) would acquit The Sunday Times of the charge of irresponsibility; but this would then become a relatively minor issue when set beside the implication that some of the Queen's closest personal advisers are prepared to drag the Crown right out into the political arena in order to achieve a political end, however well-intentioned that end might be.

If this is the true explanation, one or more resignations from the Palace staff would seem to be the absolute minimum required to restore public confidence.

Thirdly, it is impossible to avoid facing up to the possibility that the Queen herself may have been aware of the leak and consented to it, at least tacitly. If this is the true explanation, she was surely most gravely ill-advised.

If the issue was confined to the Government's attitude to the application of sanctions against South Africa, it is perhaps conceivable that the conflict between her roles as Queen of Great Britain and head of the Commonwealth might leave her with little alternative to such action.

But the revelations explicitly represent the breach between the Queen and the Prime Minister as being far wider than this, and as being related to a whole range of broad domestic issues; and for the

Queen to tolerate such a leak would imply so glaring a breach of the tradition of the Crown's political neutrality that this possibility can surely be ruled out. However, it should rest heavily on the shoulders of those who played any part in its transmission to the public that the making of such a revelation was bound to make this possibility a matter of public debate.

We can only hope, as a minimum, that the temptation to welcome the revelations as a handy stick to belabour the Government will be strenuously resisted by a few minutes' reflection on their likely impact on the constitutional conventions that govern the workings of the monarchy.

Yours etc.
A. L. LE QUESNE,
22 St John's Hill,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire,
Shy 21.

From Mrs Denise Sheldon
Sir, Your Chief Political Correspondent, Philip Webster, writes (July 23) the MP for Birmingham, Selby Oak, as having said: "Somebody must go. It is absolutely certain that if the Queen does not dismiss one or several of her advisers it will be clear that the leaks were with her blessing."

Let us hope Mr Beaumont-Dark is mistaken in his assumption, for it completely disregards the possibility that the source of the leak might remain a mystery. In which case it would surely be as unjust to sack an innocent person for the sake of appearances, as it would be to deduce that the Queen must have assented to the leak if she had done nothing of the kind. Yours faithfully,
DENISE SHELDON,
Wanders,
55 Dale Avenue,
Hassocks, West Sussex,
July 22.

From Captain John Prescott, RN (ret'd)
Sir, At both the schools I attended before the war it was the accepted thing that when a misdemeanour occurred and the culprit(s) could not be readily identified, he (they) invariably stepped forward rather than allow odium (and punishment) to be inflicted generally on all his (their) colleagues.

True, I went to two good schools where words like honour and integrity really meant something, but it would be nice to think, if there really was a leak, that similar standards still applied to those honoured to be called to serve her Majesty. I am, etc.
JOHN PRESCOTT,
Cox Hill,
Marnhill,
Sturminster Newton, Dorset,
July 22.

dependent statistician in a way which we consider wholly convincing. The Lord Chancellor, however, decided to prefer his own survey.

So there remains considerable disagreement, and the Coopers report has not been invalidated. This is why we welcome the establishment of a mechanism for identifying data from which an informed decision can be taken in future.

What is vital is objectivity. It cannot be right that the Lord Chancellor should simply decide to rely on his own report and dismiss that of our consultants as inaccurate. The new mechanism should ensure that we play to our rules in future. Yours faithfully,
ROBERT ALEXANDER,
Chairman,
The Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar,
11 South Square,
Gray's Inn, WCI.

Dukes of York
From Dr Lionel Kopolowitz
Sir, You state this morning (July 24) that the title of Duke of York was first conferred by King Richard II in 1385. This cannot be correct. King Edward I reigned from 1272 - 1307, and he conferred the title of Duke of York on his fourth son, Edmund.

Further, you state that the title of Duke of York is traditionally conferred on the second son of the Sovereign. What is the extent of the tradition?
King George V conferred the title on his second son, Prince Albert. The previous Duke of York, later King George V, was given the title as the second son of the then Prince of Wales, who became later King Edward VII. Queen Victoria did not confer the title of Duke of York upon any of her four sons.

The previous second sons to hold the title were James, Duke of York, second son of King Charles I, later to become King James II, and Frederick, Duke of York, second son of King George III. Yours sincerely,
LIONEL KOPELOWITZ,
41 Montagu Court,
Montagu Avenue,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
July 24.

Unfinished business
From Lady Plowden
Sir, Well done, the House of Commons, even if only by one vote! It is 20 years since we recommended that "the infliction of physical pain as a method of punishment in primary schools be forbidden". It will now be forbidden in all State schools.

It remains, though, for our next recommendation to be accepted, that "the Secretary of State should be given power to deny registration to any independent school in which the infliction of physical pain is a recognised method of punishment".
Yours faithfully,
BRIDGET PLOWDEN,
(Chairman, Central Advisory Council for Education (England) 1963-1966),
11 Abingdon Gardens,
Abingdon Villas, W8,
July 23.

English church heritage at risk

From the Secretary of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England

Sir, The Chief Executive of English Heritage and your other correspondents (July 17) have rightly drawn attention to the system whereby a listed ecclesiastical building is exempt from most of the controls that apply to listed secular buildings.

This exemption is not confined solely to Anglican churches for it also extends to non-conformist places of worship while they remain in religious use. Furthermore the non-conformist churches do not have their own advisory system comparable to the Church of England to monitor any alterations to the interiors of chapels.

If a decision is made by a non-conformist congregation to apply for demolition of a listed chapel, listed building consent is required. However, in such cases local authority planning officers may not always be able to assess the merits of the application, since non-conformist places of worship are far less appreciated and understood than Anglican churches.

The Royal Commission on Historical Monuments of England has completed a survey of over 4,000 surviving non-conformist buildings dating from before 1800 and of selected buildings up to 1914. It has also drawn up a list of those places of worship of the Protestant nonconformist or free churches in England as being especially worthy of preservation.

But chapels and meeting-houses are fast passing into other use or being demolished. For instance, demolition is currently proposed for the former Congregational "Square Chapel" at Haxley. Such buildings should receive the protection that they deserve. Yours faithfully,
TOM HASSALL, Secretary,
Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England,
Forsyth House,
23 Savile Row, W1.

Sanctions debate

From the Director of Aims of Industry

Sir, An unpleasant aspect of the debate on the South African boycott is the curious lack of interest in the views of black South Africans.

A recent survey by Professor Fatima Meer of the Institute of Black Research in Durban casts doubt on whether South African blacks think that suffering will be good for them. Only 26 per cent of Professor Meer's survey would support divestment. It meant that many people lost their jobs.

So far as I know, no one has asked the estimated nine dependants of every black wage-earner in South Africa what they think. It is not hard to guess the answer. To quote Chief Buthelezi (who enjoys much more black support than Bishop Tutu, though less from British TV): "They know that jobs will give them economic and political muscle... Divestment will not help the struggle for liberation; it will hinder it."

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL IVENS, Director,
Aims of Industry,
40 Doughty Street, WCI.

Art and advertising

From Professor N. Kurti, FRS

Sir, Dr Bernard Richards's thoughtful and challenging article (July 19) will probably result in a voluminous correspondence, friendly or hostile. May I make a neutral comment?

I often watch television but, even without turning off the set or closing my eyes and plugging my ears, I somehow do not notice the commercials. So, although I know of Blake and Jerusalem, I have only the haziest idea of what Fisons do. Now, out of sheer curiosity, I shall try to see the offending Fisons-Hordern piece, search for Fisons publicity - and congratulate Fisons on a gratis half-page advertisement on a prime page of The Times.

Yours faithfully,
N. KURTI,
University of Oxford,
Department of Engineering Science,
Parks Road, Oxford.

In reverse

From Mr P. J. Freeman

Sir, The letter from the Director of the British Road Federation which you published today (July 16) probably surprised few of your readers (it advocated a more energetic road construction programme). Not so the electrifying headline you accorded it: "Need to back up Channel Tunnel".

Sir, as a stroke you have in 'We drive across on the left, while the French can continue to drive over on the right - but backwards. Yours faithfully,
P. J. FREEMAN,
The Gables,
7 Warden Hill Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 26 1877

A descriptive review of a book by E. L. Arnold which relates episodes in a round trip from Christiania (Oslo) to Bergen

A SUMMER HOLYDAY IN SCANDINAVIA

This summer holiday was spent last year by a wise family who knew how to enjoy themselves without seeking to cram into a month more than a month could comfortably hold. Measured by distances on the map of Norway the space they traversed was not great, but measured by pleasure it was immense. It was quite at the end of July that they found themselves at Hull ready to embark on the Hero, one of the Wilson line of steamers, for Christiania; and the 1st of August found the four who composed the family rolling on the unruly billows of the North Sea, and all more or less sea-sick.

An English tourist's baggage had only a nominal examination at the Custom-house - a treatment very different from that which afterwards befell it on the German frontier; and, in fact, all the trouble which our family had with their baggage in Norway arose out of the fact that, like most tourists, they had dragged a great deal too much of it with them from England. They were delightfully ignorant of Norwegian travelling, too, and, before they reached the country, thought that they might ride through Norway or walk through it; they were only in doubt which method of locomotion they should adopt - a doubt speedily dissolved by an interview with Mr Bennett, the worthy merchant of Christiania, who very soon convinced them of the only way of travelling in Norway was to travel as the rest of the civilized world does. In Norway the civilized world travels in carriages - that well-known two-wheeled vehicle which only affords room for one person with a postboy clinging on to it behind on a ledge, which it is a very bad compliment to a seat to call by that name...

There is not much to be seen in Christiania, so our family very wisely went into the train and proceeded to Eidsvold, 42 English miles from the capital on the shore of Lake Mjoseen where they dined "liberally but monotonously, an salmon", five times running they partook of salmon cutlets, but when their sixth dish appeared they fled to the balcony outside. Next morning they embarked on the Lake in the little steamer, and after a delicious passage reached Gjøvik about halfway up the Lake about 4 p.m. Here our bagmen showed great alacrity and, like the early bird, were rewarded with the worm in the shape of the only vehicle, which they secured by making a dash at the post station about a quarter of a mile inland.

When we say that the vehicle in question was a "stoljjoerre", in English a wretched country cart, with one horse, it will be seen that even the carriage, the national vehicle, sometimes fails the anxious tourist in Norway. Into this, master of the early bird, they proudly piled their trunks, rifles, and railway rugs, and then mounting their only lady on the top of all, they proceeded in triumph on their way, the three men walking beside the sorry conveyance. So they trudged it for eight and a half miles to the next post station... Next morning they made the acquaintance of the carriage which has a light, wooden, spoon-shaped body, with an upright splashboard in front, a stuffed leather seat very far back, and a big apron which tucks you in on both sides... we have found carting in Norway very pleasant when the roads are smooth; but roads are like life, not always smooth, but often rutty, and then let the small of the tourist's back speak for the comfort of the conveyance...

Like all the tourists of any stature, they found the 58 1/2 inch wheel very short, and wondered at the enormous number of magsie - wondering, indeed, rather than admiring, for they had brought guns and rifles with them, only to find as others have found before that there is very little game in Norway, except a few wary wild ducks on the lakes.

But in spite of all the drawbacks, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves... During their return journey they would have suffered much at one or two stations but for the provisions they had brought with them. Thus at Ekre, when they asked for dinner, all they could get was a half-melted piece of butter and some mouldy "bread", the staple food of the peasants, which we may inform our readers tastes like very bad dog-biscuit, while others had discovered it to the wooden bottom of a hat-box with the paper scraped off...

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Sale of the century

From Mrs Denise Williams

Sir, Mrs Jacinth Whittaker (July 19) and I move in different circles. In London to reach the age of 60 or 65 is a cause for celebration, rather than renitence; could it be that the bad news of advancing years is overtaken by the good news of a free bus pass?

Yours faithfully,
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Golders Green, NW11.

Royal developments

From Dr John H. Green-Smith

Sir, I notice that the Duchess of York got her wedding snags back from the chemist the same evening whereas I have been waiting about a week to 10 days for the return of my photographs. Ah well, perhaps one day my prints will come. Yours faithfully,
JOHN GREENSMITH,
42 Prebend Street,
Bedford,
July 24.

THE ARTS

Television A cure for insomnia?

When the mind is free, the body is delicate. Today, we seem to have freer minds and more delicate bodies than ever before — so at least would argue the homeopath, George Vitoulkas — the subject of BBC2's fourth programme on *The Healing Arts*.

Tamasin Day-Lewis's programme took an important subject but treated it with a structural looseness that might have sent a sensitive viewer into a profoundly untroubled sleep. The gentle giant of Greek homeopathy was shown casting dimpled smiles at his patients along with questions like "do you fear mice?" or "what about thunderstorms?" These questions, he argued, when eventually pressed, were designed to discover how best he might apply his remedy in order to achieve "a balance in the whole of the individual". Unfortunately, despite his questions, we never saw how he came up with an answer to the man with back trouble who liked nuts or the woman who could not walk on marble floors.

His curing of these people was against a gloomy prediction that the health of our race is degenerating rapidly. Antibiotics, hormones and vaccines have destroyed our immune systems. Doctors prescribe medicines which might remedy 30 different illnesses instead of just the one requiring treatment. What exactly Vitoulkas's remedies are remained opaque, but they seem rooted in a tradition, believing like most he must be cured with like, which goes back to Hippocrates.

In no way must the Greek physician be confused with *hypochondria*, meaning stage actor (one who pretends to be what he is not). Pretence was the very essence of *The Enemy Outside* in Granada's medical drama *The Practice*. Affectionately scripted by Lesley Bruce, this was another pleasant, heart-plucking investigation into how doctors at a Manchester clinic cope with both their patients' problems and their own. Under some stony faces all sorts of hypocrisies were worming away.

Nicholas Shakespeare

Celebrating a giant in stone

The 600th anniversary of Donatello's birth is being widely marked in his native Florence.

Bruce Boucher reports

Donatello and his Contemporaries
Forte di Belvedere

Homage to Donatello
Museo Nazionale del Bargello

The Old Sacristy
San Lorenzo

Italian Drawings from the time of Donatello
Galleria degli Uffizi

Few artists have been as widely admired in their own lifetimes and afterwards as Donatello. Vasari judged him one of the three great heroes of the second stage of the Renaissance and considered Donatello worth a place among the artists of antiquity or beside Michelangelo. More than one of Vasari's contemporaries expressed the opinion that a work by Donatello was the next best thing to classical sculpture. Today, his fecundity of imagination and variety of expression rank Donatello among the foremost artists, comparable to Michelangelo in Vasari's day or Picasso in our own.

The series of exhibitions with which his native Florence is marking the 600th anniversary of his birth provides a remarkably comprehensive view of his career and achievements. The celebrations are a conjunction of politics and art reminiscent of the rapport between Donatello and the Medici. But today patrons have been replaced by sponsors, and the major exhibition, Donatello and his Contemporaries, represents a collaboration between Florence and its American "twin sister", Detroit. The exhibition runs until September 7 in the Forte di Belvedere, a Medicean retreat over-

looking the Pitti Palace and Florence itself. There, some hundred objects in stone, bronze, clay and wood record the achievements of Donatello in a way unlikely to be duplicated for another century.

The exhibits are grouped thematically and chronologically, beginning with works by Donatello's teacher, Ghiberti, and ending with sculptors who matured after Donatello's death in 1466. The *chefs-d'oeuvre* of Donatello are found on the ground floor and include three statues, among them the vigorous *John the Baptist* from Siena Cathedral, whose faceted, angular surface is like wood sculpture translated into bronze, and the *Mary Magdalen* from the cathedral museum, a harrowing, Giacometti-like vision of a soul laid bare by penance.

Four crucifixes by Donatello and two great rivals are also on display, making an unforgettable impression through their juxtaposition. One can see the early pair carved in competition by Brunelleschi and Donatello, where the pronounced naturalism and ungainly proportions of Donatello's figure earned it the description "peasant-like". The third Christ, by Michelozzo, embodies a more restrained version of a Donatellesque pattern, while the fourth, from the convent of Bosco ai Frati, presents us with a later version of this theme by Donatello, disturbing in its combination of high formal beauty and intense pathos.

Beyond these great works, the upper floors of the Belvedere are given over to smaller sculptures which illustrate Donatello's contribution to narrative, the Virgin and Child composition and small bronzes. The extraordinary reliquary bust of San Rossore, newly cleaned and mounted at the proper height, evokes that strong sense of a living presence and felt emotion common to all Donatello's creations. Then, too, there are the drawings in stone, such as the brilliant *Feast of Herod* from Lille, in which the rules of coherent visual perspective were articulated long before Masaccio or Alberti.

Perhaps the most fascinating display in the Forte di Belvedere is of the Virgin and Child reliefs. It was a genre in which Donatello excelled and established patterns followed by artists down to the 19th century. The star attraction of this room is a modelled terracotta known as the *Madonna di Pietrapiana*, which stood in a Florentine street taberna-



Grasp of the art: detail from Donatello's "Madonna di via Pietrapiana"

cle and was found to be an autograph Donatello when recently removed and examined. A late work, it contains marvellous passages of modelling and an astonishing assurance in the angled presentation of the Virgin's chair.

Other exhibitions in Florence highlight various aspects of Donatello and his times. For its *Homage to Donatello* (until July 20) the Bargello has reorganized its sala di Donatello, containing several of his masterpieces from the early *St George* to the ambiguous bronze *David* and the *Amor-Atys*. The chief novelty is the newly restored bust of Niccolò da Uzzano. Modelled and painted, the terracotta shows the Florentine patriot cast in the mould of a Roman hero, and its vivacity and high quality strengthen the traditional attribution to Donatello. Also in the Bargello is a small but fascinating show on Donatello and the 19th century, which draws attention to the forgeries and copies after his work, especially by the notorious Bastianini.

The Uffizi has mounted a major exhibition of 167 Italian Drawings from the time of Donatello (until September 7). Few drawings by Donatello survive, but his influence on artists like Filippo Lippi, Mantegna and Giovanni Bellini was as

strong as that exerted on those working in stone or bronze.

The most sensational of the satellite exhibitions concerns the restoration of the Old Sacristy in San Lorenzo (until September 7). Built by Brunelleschi for the Medici in the 1420s, it was later embellished by Donatello and Verrocchio. The exhibition focuses on Donatello's contribution to the chapel, notably the large stucco roundels with legends of St John the Evangelist and two stucco reliefs of Medici patron saints. Restoration has revealed an extraordinary range of techniques employed by Donatello on the roundels: a background of brick on to which nails were hammered, and then the stucco, a mixture of lime, sand and crushed brick, was modelled directly over the nails. This unusual method shows that Donatello studied the remains of Roman decoration as well as recipes handed down by Vitruvius.

Cleaning has revealed the intensity and restricted range of colours employed by Donatello, ochre-red, blue, white and traces of green, while the vigour and freedom of modelling is breathtaking. These details can be seen by visitors to San Lorenzo as a temporary scaffolding has been erected which will allow them to climb to the level of the roundels.

Promenade Concert Precision sprung

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Not having heard the combination of Maris Yansons and the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra before, I was not prepared for a concert of such utterly musical vim and keenness. Mr Yansons has a way, or rather many different ways, of making his orchestra sound at the very peak of condition, always stretched but never frayed, and they respond to him like a spring, quickly and with tensile strength.

Their precision of dynamic nuance, whether in a sudden pianissimo for a couple of bars or a crescendo carried across different groupings, is one testimony to their rapport with their chief guest conductor.

Another is their abundance of magnificent sounds: the dark slabs laid down by trombones in the second and last movements of Prokofiev's Second Piano Concerto, for instance, or the unanimous clear freshness of the woodwind ensemble, or the free confidence of solos, especially from the clarinet. The opening performance of Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* found Mr Yansons behaving as seriously

and unegotistically as if he had been conducting Bruckner. And I would guess from this concert, where Bruckner never featured, that he would be a remarkable Bruckner conductor: he has that capacity to be blindingly obvious and at the same time... awesomely surprising.

He showed it in the Tchaikovsky, persuading one that the love theme really is a very special melody, and finding a great wealth of interest in the slow music, besides encouraging his players to an eager virtuosity in the faster passages. Sibelius's First Symphony found orchestra and conductor just as closely attuned, and just as unembarrassed. The bits of this mosaic were illuminated with force, and yet there was no risk of disintegration, partly because Mr Yansons showed the composer assembling chunks of Tchaikovsky and Borodin on the blueprint of a new musical architecture.

And no one could doubt the sources when the second movement was so fittingly waltz-like and the third so Polovisian. Given a strong, deliberate and shinningly resonant, Prokofiev performance from John Lill, this was a memorable evening.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre A rich inheritance

Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme
Hampstead



John Bowe: making a point at Hampstead

Casting round for sturdy themes on which to hang their ideas, English playwrights must often envy their counterparts in Ireland. Religious schism, conflicting loyalties, the rival appeals of the world and the hearth - history has handed them an enviably rich compost.

Nor does the political and religious divide raise an insuperable artistic barrier. Frank McGuinness, a lecturer at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, has boldly crossed into alien territory. First given at the Abbey last year, his play presents an outsider's perspective of the insular, beleaguered mentality of the Five Counties' Protestant tradition which is well-informed and acutely felt.

His chosen period is the First World War, his chosen protagonists a group of volunteers for the Ulster Division. Summoned up like ghosts by the modern incarnation of their sole survivor, the eight soldiers are shown in their barracks, on leave in Ulster and finally on the terrible morning of July 1, 1916 as they prepare to meet their Maker in the first Battle of the Somme.

All are Protestant, most are from the country (the two brash Belfast boys jar effectively) and several are unabashed Carsonites; but one — Pyper, whose story this is — stands apart by virtue both of class ("We own Armagh" he announces loftily of his family) and of temperament.

Mocking his fellows' idealism, he proves himself a highly resourceful mischief-maker capable of provoking squabbles out of thin air with his iconoclastic riddling, and succeeds in leading the most

glib member of the barracks squarely up the garden path with a lurid "confession" about marrying a three-legged Papist whore.

The satire of bone-beaded Orange bigotry provides some vivid dialogue and John Bowe as Pyper skewers the obvious targets with relish, but once the characters start developing individual relationships ("pairing and bonding" in the author's unfortunate and anachronistic usage), the piece begins to tread water and very nearly sinks.

The doubt-harried former ceryman and the sports-mad young patriot come to blows in a church; the baker attempts to stiffen the backbone of the nerve-strung duper; the Belfast boys lament the feeble turn-out for the marching song; and Pyper reveals to the blacksmith who saved his life in action that his cynicism stems from unhappy love and failure as a sculptor.

Martin Cropper

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ALL THAT'S BEST IN BRITISH JOURNALISM

Radio Machine-gun chat, dumber than most

I always sit in speechless admiration as the commentators on our great public occasions reel off the facts and figures of the scene in front of them: little slabs of history, intriguing bits of protocol. How do they know and remember so much? Alas, they often don't: it is all part of a briefing and sometimes the briefing or its reader blows the gaffe by getting things wrong.

Last Wednesday, rehearsing the names of famous Westminster Abbey organists, Peter Jones acquainted his listeners with one "Orland Gibbon" of whom the editor of *Grove* would no doubt be glad to learn more. Such small blemishes apart, however, the wedding coverage was as we expect: informative, pictorial within the limits of the medium and celebratory without excessive hype.

But what to say of a concoction which the Association of Independent Radio Contractors has been promoting to ILR stations up and down the country? Made by Radio 210 of Reading as a special edition of its series, *Village Life*, this was a visit to Dummer, homeground of the Ferguson family, and it purported to be a celebration of the marriage. Mike Matthews presented as if he were at Brands Hatch and began: "My first visit was to the father of the bride, Major Ronald Ferguson, and I asked him to tell me about the Guards Polo Club." Just what we were all wanting to know. At the end of that and each succeeding interview the victim was urged, in the same machine-gun style and with the same repetitive phrase, to choose a hit of music: this not uncommonly drowned his or her last words.

loftily ignored an invitation to contribute. There was enough without them. General Sir John Hackett recalled how, as a young officer recently elected to the Carlton, he was so nervous of encountering his Tory grandees that it was some time before he dared go in.

Dare he did at last, but following a visit to his tailor. He could not understand the apoplectic looks and muttered oaths that greeted him until he noticed that the tailor had inadvertently left one leg of his trousers rolled up.

But the clubs are out quite the bastions of eccentric orthodoxy that they were. The Guards and Cavalry have not only combined but brought in a professional manager — and ex-RAF type at that — who has rescued their finances and made their catering a byword. Unfortunately a passing terrorist sprayed their building with machine-gun fire a while back and security throughout clubland is now a worry, although as Mr Worsnip put it, the most worrying security problem remains how to keep out the women.

If this programme, with its orchestra of well-bred voices was utterly absorbing, so was the near-solo performance that went to make up Mr Fletcher, The Poet (Radio 4 Thursday), producer Pierce Plowright. P. P. Fletcher, a Leicestershire builder, won a Commonwealth poetry prize in 1951 for a poem about the mining community into which he was born. A bright, studious child, he should have gone to grammar school and did so for one term until his strident mother prevailed: "The others went in' pit, you're going to the pit". Somehow he escaped. He read and he read, buying a *World's Classic* one week, an *Everyman* the next, and later in quiet moments in the office he wrote and he wrote on anything that came to hand. The talent thus developed shone in his speech.

David Wade

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Checkmate to London's pawn brokers

The opening of the World Chess Championship takes place next week in Mayfair. William Greaves tells how Britain captured a share of the event

Unsuspected by hotel guests and unrecognizable from their traditional square-jawed and Homburg-hatted cartoonists' archetype, a steady stream of officials from the Soviet Embassy have spent much of the last few weeks flitting between the Park Lane Hotel, overlooking Green Park in London, and two "safe houses" whose top secret locations in the capital are known to only a handful of people.

At the same time, strange things have been going on in and around the hotel's ballroom. Two lavatories, for instance, have been built and sited carefully so that one cannot be seen from the other, and for the next five weeks both will be under constant surveillance.

In addition, a set of hi-tech, dimmable fluorescent lights have been installed with the specific requirement that they be capable of bathing a table five metres beneath them with anything between 130 and 180 foot candles of illumination.

If it all sounds like the clinical preparations for a third-degree interrogation of the type usually encountered to an Eric Ambler novel, the faces and demeanour of the two men for whom it has all been designed will do little to dispel that illusion.

Those two men are Gary Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov, who next Monday, at 5pm precisely, begin an encounter that will not only place both of them under intense psychological stress, but is also unique. For the first time in the 100-year history of the World Chess Championship, two Russians have agreed to play each other outside the Soviet Union.

It remains to be seen whether the imagination of the British public will be captured by a match of such cerebral intensity that, as often as not, five hours will be insufficient to finish a single game. What is certain, however, is that the marathon contest will not be allowed to start unnoticed.

At tomorrow's £10,000 opening gala, the entire floor of the Park Lane Hotel ball-



Richard Wilson

Past masters and intriguing moves

Although it would have been unthinkable a few years ago that a world championship chess match between two Russians would be played in London, the choice of venue for the first half of the century match is historically appropriate.

The two men who went to New York, St Louis and New Orleans to fight out that first epic encounter in 1886 were

champions. An incorrigible drunkard, he achieved the remarkable record of being married five times - on each occasion to a woman older than himself.

Since Alekhine, the world championship has been dominated by the Soviet Union, only the brilliant and eccentric American, Bobby Fischer, interrupting a 49-year clean sweep, during which Mikhail Botvinnik became the only man in the championship's history to win and lose his crown three times.

The match in which Fischer took the title from Boris Spassky in 1972 is chiefly remembered for the remarkable Russian claim, after game 16, that Spassky's psychological well-being was being undermined by "some electronic devices and chemical substance" installed in the playing area by the Americans.

An investigation of the stage, air, walls and lights, and no fewer than 18 X-ray photographs of the chairs,



World championship pioneers: Steinitz (left) and Zukertort

Wilhelm Steinitz and Johannes Zukertort. Both were Jews. Steinitz, the unofficial "champion", was born in Prague and represented Austria, while Zukertort described himself variously as Prussian and Polish and spoke nine languages, including Hebrew.

Yet, despite their international origins, both lived in England, and London was at that time the unchallenged capital of world chess.

Steinitz, who won the match and remained world champion until 1894, was noted for the same lack of modesty that has distinguished many of his successors, his most famous claim being that he could give God a start of pawn and move, and still beat him.

The first Russian to win the title was Alexander Alekhine although, by the time of his first victory in 1927, he had exiled himself to France and was persona non grata in the Soviet Union. Alekhine, who lost the title in 1935 to the Dutchman, Max Euwe, and regained it two years later, was probably the most colourful of chess's 13 world



Psychological warfare: Fischer (left) and Spassky

revealed nothing more sinister than two dead flies - and the show went on.

Even more extraordinary, however, was the "yoghurt incident" during the Karpov-Korchnoi final of 1978. The Korchnoi camp suggested that Karpov was receiving secret signals from his seconds, contained in the choice of the yoghurt flavour yoghurt to the table.

After a two-day inquiry it was agreed that Karpov could have blueberry yoghurt at 7.15pm, but that any other flavour needed a written request to the arbiters.



Colourful competitors: Alekhine (left), and Euwe

Capital players: Karpov (left) and Kasparov, pieces in the politics of international chess

room will be transformed into a chess board, from four giant rooks at each corner will flow Sevrega caviar, and all the guests - including, needless to say, Tim Rice and Elaine Paige of the Chess musical - have been bidden to appear dressed entirely in black and white.

Considering that the outcome of the match will not even be determined in this country - after five weeks of battle, the whole circus will decamp and hotfoot it to Leningrad for the second half of the contest - it might be supposed that such a spectacular launching ceremony is in danger of reducing everything that follows to a glorious anticlimax. Such thoughts would miss the point.

What is being celebrated is not so much the start of the championship, but the fact

that, after years of international intrigue which at times has threatened to split the chess world asunder, it is taking place at all - and even more remarkably, in London.

The saga began back in 1983. Anatoly Karpov had been world champion for eight years and 20-year-old Gary Kasparov had just qualified for a semi-final play-off against the third of the great Ks, Viktor Korchnoi, who himself had twice lost to the title holder. That final eliminator was to be played in Pasadena, California.

Korchnoi, far from best known to himself, objected to the venue and refused to appear. Perhaps, as a Russian defector, he was concerned about security. Perhaps it was merely a display of petulance. Either way, it was the break for which London had been waiting.

Then, as now, Florencio Campomanes of the Philippines was president of the World Chess Federation. He was then, as now, flamboyant and imperious. Within his rights but to the dissatisfaction of almost everybody, including the two players, he declared Korchnoi to be in default and awarded the match to Kasparov.

London had never staged a round of the world championship, but Raymond Keene, a British grandmaster and a Times chess correspondent, decided to make his move. If he could raise £120,000, would Campomanes give the match one more chance to a British venue?

Keene approached Dominic Lawson, a journalist, chess enthusiast and son of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Lawson, showing all the financial flair of his father, persuaded Acorn, the computer firm, to put up the money. The match was staged at the Great Eastern Hotel. Kasparov won, a charismatic new name emerged to challenge for Karpov's title and suddenly, London had arrived as a chess city.

The next year found Campomanes in even greater trouble. Arrangements for a much-publicized match between the Soviet Union and the Rest of the World had suddenly collapsed. Could Britain help out? There was, however, one small proviso. Chess players alive, together with their entourages, their egos and their entourages, had to be housed, sat down and ready to start in exactly three weeks' time.

Again Keene accepted the challenge. A different middleman, an investment consultant called Rupert Chetwynd, stepped into the breach, and Mr Eddie Oliver, at that time financial director of the London Docklands Development Corporation, did the rest.

"As soon as I heard of the project, I had two reasons for

wanting to pull it off", Oliver recalls. "We were a young organization and we wanted to prove that we weren't bureaucracy-bound."

"We were also promoting docklands as a telecommunications centre. A great way of demonstrating our potential was to ask Kasparov to put on a display with half of his opponents in London and the other half in New York. What we did was to run the first-ever chess match by satellite. It all worked perfectly."

Later that year, in October 1984, Karpov and Kasparov began their title match in Moscow. Even by world chess standards it was to prove an interminable affair. Karpov, slight, undernourished, thin, and for nine years the king of the world, blasted into his challenger, an outspoken, powerfully-built Armenian Jew from the fringe of the Soviet Union, and streaked into a 5-0 lead.

But then the months drifted by. Draw followed draw. Karpov could not clinch the sixth win he needed, and in the following February, just as hotel bills were mounting towards the unpayable, Kasparov won two games on the trot.

Campomanes stepped in and called the match off. The outcry was instantaneous and a powerful chess lobby made demands for the Filipino's head on a salver.

At first Karpov acquiesced, and then, almost immediately, changed his stance to one of protest against the abandonment. Kasparov, on the other hand, lashed out in all direc-

tions. Karpov, he claimed, was "just plain scared", and Campomanes "a man with no understanding for chess and its problems".

In September last year, in an atmosphere electric with accusation and counter-accusation, the two men sat down in Moscow to scrap it out for a second time. So close was the encounter that at the start of the 24th and last game, six weeks later, a win for either player would have given him the title. Kasparov was victorious and became the new world champion.

Under World Chess Federation rules, Karpov was entitled to a revenge match. Campomanes announced that it had to be played within three months. "Nonsense", said Kasparov. "Play or be stripped of your title" was the Filipino's response. The volcano was rumbling again.

Undeterred, Campomanes invited tenders for the rematch and was not alone in expecting extravagant bids from cities as diverse as Kuala Lumpur, Istanbul, Marseilles and Belgrade. In the event, there were just two envelopes to be opened. Leningrad offered a million Swiss francs (£330,000) - and London 1.8 million (£600,000).

Then, out of the blue and to Campomanes's intense embarrassment, the two Russians agreed to a six-month postponement. London and Leningrad were awarded the split locations, and that should have been an end to the agony. There was, however, to be one more twist.

The British money had been pledged by the Greater London Council. That would have

been fine in February, but by July there would no longer be a GLC. Would the sponsorship still be valid? While the British Chess Federation held its breath, the verdict was announced.

As the match was a postponement, the cheque would be allowed to stand. London was to have its first world championship final ever. And Stewart Reuben, congress director of the British Chess Federation, was to have a headache.

"The first thing to remember is Reuben's rule", he said wryly. "The fewer people you have playing, the more administrators you need. For a tournament involving 1,500 players you need 30 officials; for this one I have 80 on my list. There are three arbiters, three members of the appeal committee, people selling tickets, memories and chess sets, others manning micro-computers, bookstalls, painting exhibition, entrances to the hall..."

The phone rang. "Now why can't he bring his own? There'll be complaints about the food, of course, and if you overheard the address of the house I implore you to forget it..."

Whatever the outcome, the next five weeks will be a personal triumph for the patience and diplomacy of Raymond Keene. "This is just the thing British chess needs", he said. "We have won the silver medal in the Chess Olympics, we have 10 grandmasters, and I believe that one of them, Nigel Short, will one day be world champion."

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Above and beyond, the Himalayas wink in snow from behind a corrugation of 14,000ft hills from where the inhabitants of this north-west Indian state, sandwiched between Kashmir and China, can watch the foreigners drive by and round and round, bound for the greatest tourist attraction on earth.

For those dissatisfied with Kashmir's houseboat ghettos or polluted lakes, neighbouring Himachal is where Himalayan India keeps its splendour and beauty intact for the more discerning and independent visitor.

Independent for its peaks and its apes, Himachal Pradesh is comfortable enough for those not wanting to pioneer but who still have a sense of adventure. For most, the gateway to it is the old British summer capital of Simla.

An English church sits incongruously on top of the hill on which the city is built. A honeycomb of houses is stacked up the slopes of the flat ridge where the house of God stands rather sadly, doors bolted, windows cracked or broken. It is from here one first encounters the Himalayas, a hundred miles or more away.

Since the British left Simla its population has exploded past 60,000 and given in to the bus. The top tiers of the old capital are traffic-less, which means the mass of buses, trucks, taxis and cars thrashes angrily around the lower roads. Policemen blow their whistles continually to keep the traffic moving.

The quaintly-named Mall is lined with stately English houses with names plucked straight out of Surrey. Traces of empire abound but it is the Indian bazaars which catch the eye. The sari silks, piles of vegetables on large flat baskets, virulent sweets and mounds of dyes and spices turn the narrow streets into a giant paintbox.

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From Simla it's another two or three hours by road to Mandi, a meaningful junction town straddling the River Beas, and then on up the Kulu Valley (you can also make for Dalhousie or Dharamshala, home of the Dalai Lama, via another road).

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Himachal houses are made of wood surrounded on all sides by two-tier verandahs - the upper enclosed for winter, the lower open to the gentle summers. In spite of the breeze the temperature climbs. Ice-cream men shove drinks on bent sticks through vehicle windows. Drapers drop off among their bolts. Animals driven endlessly God knows where are allowed to rest.

From Kulu to Manali the mountains become clearer by the mile, divested finally of hill cover. The river quickens, building for a monsoon flood. The guesthouse signs start to outnumber the trees.

Manali is a meeting place. Nepali roadworkers and Tibetan refugees have signified their permanence by building a gumpa (temple), where Buddha takes up two floors in height surrounded by butter lamps



Just a graze: a Gaddi shepherd and his flock of sheep and goats at summer camp in Himachal Pradesh.

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Big day: Gaddi shepherd girls in their finery, dressed for a marriage and crumpled rupee notes.

It's more round and round to get from Manali to the Rhotang Pass by which, at some times of the year, it is possible to drive into Ladakh. Apple blossom gives way to moon-scape debris on the ascent with searing snow and the occasional incongruous and inaccessible mountain pasture. This is the land of the yak and spring is signalled by melting snow, landslides and thousands of white hutterflies.

A steady stream of buses and taxis brings visitors up here to stand in the midst of the Himalayas - the massive drifts, a few persevering trees and brilliant dazzling sunlight.

But maybe the real jewel in Himachal's crown is not here at all but in the tiny mountain village of

Sirahan is a village of shadows and smoke

Sirahan - due east along the Sutlej River which extends up to the Tibetan border. Sirahan hugs a green shoulder right underneath the mountains. It is a village of shadows and woodsmoke from tiny rough-slated houses where the animals live alongside their minders.

A pair of temples, wider on top than at the base, ornately carved like Chinese junkies, sits side by side at the head of the village. One, tilted, the other does not. The temples are dedicated to Bhimaskali, a rather bloodthirsty Hindu lady deity. The 200-year-old temple is being loved to topple slowly, silver doors and all, and the goddess, along with

her friend Parvati, has moved next door into a shrine built in the early part of this century. Like the Himachal houses the temple is built within enclosed verandahs, linked by creaky wooden stairs. Temple drill is to keep the head covered (with a red topi supplied by the round-guide) and leave shirras backwards, head slightly bowed, hands together.

An entry, in the guesthouse's visitor's book shows that Lady Betjeman (Penelope Chetwode), who travelled extensively in Himachal, recommended the purchase of some garden furniture so tourists could take the stunning views at their ease. The furniture is still not there. "Lady Betjeman's wishes are being attended to", the manager says.

The big news is the sports ground being built above the houses - the highest soccer pitch in the world. The highest cricket ground in the world is also in Himachal - at Chail, just a hill or two away from Simla. Chail was built by the local ruler, the Rajah of Patiala, to rival Simla. But the grand design failed and now the whole place has an air of decay. The bandstand near the cricket ground tilts at a precarious angle. The palace itself is now a hotel where the barman in the Silver Bangle Bar is proud of his 10 brands of whisky.

Somehow, it's all rather sad. Elegant dining-room furniture has to share the enormous space with gaudy modern paintings. Were the original pictures smuggled out along with the family jewels, leaving nothing behind but the grand piano, the billiard tables and the tarnished silver bangle bar?

TRAVEL NOTES

A number of companies are now offering trekking, touring and other holidays to Himachal Pradesh. Contact Western Himalayan Holidays, 66 Hungerford Road, London N7 (01-607 4809). A standard return fare to New Delhi on Air India is £455. Those fixing their own itinerary should contact Himachal Pradesh Tourism, Chandernagore Building, 36 Jangpeth, New Delhi 11001. Further information is available from the Government of India Tourist Office, 7 Cook Street, London W1 (01-437 3677).



SHOPPING

Gadgets for the go-getter

If you took all the available luggage-saving gadgets on holiday you would need a container truck, preferably with its own generator. But some are well worth slipping in to your bags.

One was this week deemed fit for a prince by its makers. Among the presents offered to Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson was a pocket TV only 4 1/2 in x 2 1/2 in x 1 in, made by Citizen of Japan and launched on Royal Wedding day.

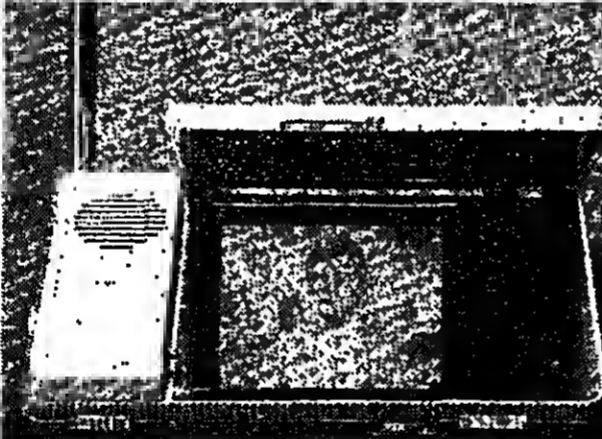
Ideal for those who like to view on the move, it has a square liquid crystal display screen which is reflected, when the lid is half open, through a mirror. It is best viewed outside and there is an optional back-lit attachment for indoor viewing. Reception is not good enough on all channels for concentrated bouts of viewing but, for keeping up with the latest cricket score or for use in taxis and restaurants, it is the latest in one-upmanship at £99.95.

For stockists contact selected branches of John Lewis. Every year someone brings out a new travel iron. The newest idea is a lightweight perforated footplate that fits on the blower end of any Braun 1200 hairdryer. If you can stand the noise, you get enough heat for minimum holiday pressing - shirts and trousers but not suits. Called the Braun Solo, it has a plastic water spray-bottle and costs £6. The Compact 1200 hairdryer is £9.95; the two together £12.95. Available at branches of Underwoods.

If you want DIY room service, the Hot Rod boils a cup of water in less than two minutes in Europe (it takes five minutes in America). It cuts out thermostatically if the water boils dry. Underwoods, £7.95.

Razor sharp is the mind that came up with the small square of plastic which opens and clips together to become the

aluminum sand ladders are among bits of equipment for the more adventurous on offer in the new Safariquip catalogue. £1 from 13a Waterloo Park, Upper Brook Street, Stockport (061 429 8700).



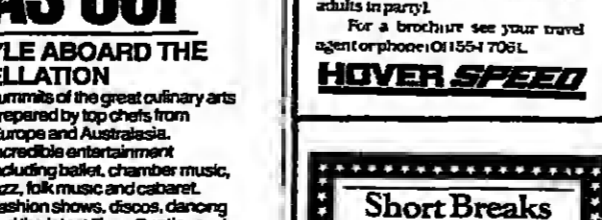
Above: the Braun Solo travel iron, which fits on the end of a Braun 1200 hairdryer, £6 from Underwoods.



Left: pocket television made by Citizen of Japan and launched this week, 4 1/2 in x 2 1/2 in x 1 in, £99.95.



Woolworth's razor, packed (above) and assembled (right) nearest travel razor imaginable. The size of a pack of book matches and weighing almost nothing, it comes equipped with a Wilkinson Sword twin blade. 99p for a pack of five at larger Woolworths.



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IN THE GARDEN

New life for an old church

St Mary-at-Lambeth has been transformed. Ten years ago it was derelict, the ancient church deconsecrated and due for demolition, its churchyard an overgrown tip. The family tomb of the Tradescants, 17th-century gardeners and one of the most important influences on English gardening, was barely discernible behind heaped rubbish.

But now the churchyard memorials preside over a mature flourishing garden filled with the plants of the Tradescants and their time and the church itself has become the first Museum of Garden History. It was the indefatigable efforts of Rosemary and John Nicolson, and the Tradescant Trust which they founded, which put St Mary's back on the map and created this remarkable churchyard-garden. Until the end of July a Kew-sponsored exhibition, "Huguenots and Horticulture", is also on view.

The centrepiece of the churchyard is an elaborate knot garden, planted with a variety of curious plants associated with the Tradescants. In the outer compartments are duck's-foot dianthus, and the extraordinary Plymouth strawberry which sprouts leaves on its fruits.

The wide borders hold an abundance of historic flowers and shrubs and several well-grown trees including robinia, now thought to be a Tradescant introduction. The blue spider-wort, another plant



Tradescantia: blue spider-wort, family tomb and knot garden

WEEKEND TIPS

- Wait until peas are in flower and then water regularly.
Take out tips of gooseberry shoots to reduce risk of American gooseberry mildew.
Take semi-ripe cuttings of passion flower.
Spraying runner beans all over, as well as watering the roots, helps netting.
Trim lavender with shears.
If your garden is looking not so much luxuriant as overgrown, snipping and cutting back here and there can make all the difference.
It is better to give liberal weekly waterings, turning the hose on the roots, than a few drips every day.

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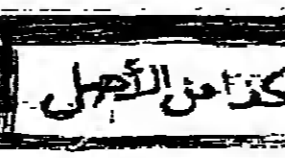
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TCHAIKOVSKY
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with cannon and mortar effects
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 Soloist: ANDREW HAIGH

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 VLADIMIR SPIVAKOV director/violin
 Mozart..... EINE KLEINE NACHTMUSIK
 Bach..... VIOLIN CONCERTO IN A MINOR, BWV 1041
 Vivaldi..... THE FOUR SEASONS

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RAYMOND GUBBAY presents SUNDAY 25 AUGUST at 7.30 p.m.
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 A spectacular and exciting ballet in the style of the Bolshoi, set in the roaring 1920s. Extravagant, soaring dancing performed to Shostakovich's brilliant score.

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REVIEW

ON THE AIR

A freedom writer's testimony

No Easy Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela (Heinemann, £3.50)
A Walk in the Night by Alex La Guma (Heinemann, £3.50)

It is 23 years since Nelson Mandela began his life sentence on Robben Island. He is now 68, but remains the national and international figurehead of an increasingly bloody struggle.

situation in South Africa. But by 1963 King had secured a Civil Rights Bill and could sense the mountain-top coming into view.



Cutting edge: Nelson Mandela - powerful candour and purposefulness in the cause

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Heinemann has long pioneered the publishing of African writing. I am pleased to see that they have it now begun to reissue some books with covers which possess some individuality.

Ambivalence in a world of violence

So Far From God, by Patrick Marham (Penguin, £3.95)

When Patrick Marham set out for Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador, he had two objectives: to assess for himself the size of the Hispanic Communist threat to North America and the "defiance offered to the most powerful country in the world by these tiny countries".

ed long ago to medieval Spain. In the Spanish city of Granada stands the Church of the Lady of the Alhambra, "a Christian shrine surrounded by a Moorish palace, the character of neither being compromised".



Isabel Butterfield

Hernandez. She works for a commission on civil rights and her job is to collect atrocity figures. When asked about the government-sponsored death squads she gives the cryptic reply: "Our government needs the death squads. It needs to put fear into people."

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Fear and lesbian loneliness

Incidents involving Warmth, by Anna Livia (Onlywomen Press, £2.95)

The author of these lesbian feminist love stories describes herself as a woman "with no sign of a pension plan, health insurance or mortgage", and most of her characters also fit that description.

convicted their unsympathetic boss is about to sack them; and the woman living alone in an Edgware garden flat spends a lot of her evening barricading herself from the Notting Hill Rapist.

Chess: Hunter stalks spider man

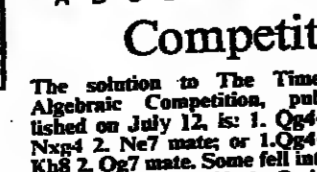
With the big match in London almost upon us, here are two extracts from the previous Kasparov-Karpov clash illustrating the particular areas of expertise of the two protagonists.

In the eleventh game, Kasparov turned the tables on his opponent. White: Kasparov. Black: Karpov. Game 11, Moscow 1985.



Now Kasparov found this coup: 23. Qd4! Rxd7 24. Rxd7 Rxd7. Karpov resigned.

White: Karpov. Black: Kasparov. Game 4, Moscow 1985.



The solution to The Times Algebraic Competition, published on July 12, is: 1. Qg4+ Nxg4 2. Nc7 mate or 1. Qg4+ Kb8 2. Qg7 mate. Some fell into the trap I had laid: 1. Qg4+ Nxg4 2. Nb6+?? This is not mate because of move 2... Nxb6!

Bridge: Fright at the end of the tunnel

Tunnel vision may be a neologism, but at least the seer is unmistakable. At Bridge the term aptly describes a declarer who makes no effort to unravel the composition of the unseen hands.

any thought, declarer played the ♠10, so the defence made four club tricks to go with the Ace of Spades. One down.

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Tough guy's tenderness

FILMS ON TV

James Cagney was an unusual and reluctant star. To generations of film-goers he was Hollywood's ultimate gangster - fast talking, amoral and brutal. In life he was pleasant, polite, relaxed and private.

RECOMMENDED



High Noon (1952): Gary Cooper as lone marshal against the badies in tense western classic, anchored by Grace Kelly and a haunting theme (BBC2, tonight, 10.05-11.35pm).

He played the gangster in only a minority of his more than 60 films, but they have unfairly dominated judgement of his career.

Musical line-up: Cagney with Ruby Keeler (top) and Joan Blondell in Footlight Parade

TELEVISION

The BBC anticipated providing an exclusive daily spectacle of international political harmony and the pursuit of physical excellence from Edinburgh.

character assassination in Scales of Justice (ITV, Mon, 8.30-9pm), the first of a lively four-part Yorkshire Television documentary.



Seven years ago Margaret Shannon gave birth to a perfectly normal girl after having had a total hysterectomy. The fertilized egg had planted itself in the abdomen wall, a method of child-bearing that men could, in theory, emulate.

The wholesome frontier

Barry Bostwick: clean-cut hero

his unrequited love: a shrunken James Mason cameos as the ill-fated General Braddock and a host of brightly dressed extras.

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Operatic delights in store

RADIO

A rare treat this afternoon for all opera lovers - and even for those not too sure about opera. No one could sit unmoved through Puccini's Tosca (Radio 3, 3-5pm) - still less in this classic 1953 recording, with Maria Callas as Tosca and Tito Gobbi as Scarpia.

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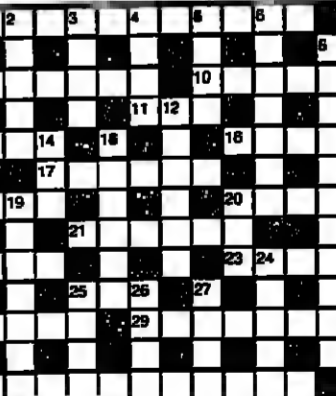
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SOLUTIONS TO NO 1006 (last Saturday's prize crossword): ACROSS: 1 Aiguillette 9 Nothing 10 Elin 11 Our 13 Acre 16 News 17 Viable 18 Tape 20 Pact 21 Bookie 22 Coop 23 Pile 25 Pea 28 Dolce 29 Nautilus 30 Amontillado

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Jeremy Flint

"Surely this must be the..."

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THE WEEK AHEAD



CONCERTS

PROM PLAY: Sir John Pritchard conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in Elgar's Violin Concerto...



FILMS

PAW LORE: Fay Wray screams beautifully as the girl in the clutches of the world's most famous monster...



DANCE

CRIMEAN WAR: Yuri Grigorovich is the choreographer of The Golden Age, the third production of the Bolshoi Ballet...



BOOKS

REDBRICK BLUES: Barbara Pym wrote An Academic Question (Macmillan, £9.95) in the early 1970s...



THEATRE

GUN LAW: Suzi Quatro plays the hillbilly heroine of Irving Berlin's song-filled musical Annie Get Your Gun...



TELEVISION

SHOPPING LISZT: Franz Liszt died 100 years ago on July 31. To mark the centenary BBC2 is putting on a week of programmes...

TIMES CHOICE

CONCERTS: FROM PLAY: Sir John Pritchard conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra...

FILMS: COBRA (18): Sylvester Stallone as a Los Angeles cop in a violent thriller.

OPENINGS: DESERT HEARTS (18): A discreet, splendidly acted story of lesbian friendships.

SELECTION: SID AND NANCY (18): Alex Cox's subdued elegy to punk rock.

CONCERTS: BOUGHTON/LSO: William Boughton conducts the LSO in Wagner's Meistersinger Overture...

THEATRICAL: THE WINNER: Barry Douglas, recent winner of the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow...

OPININGS: THE COCKTAIL PARTY: Alec McCowen, Sheila Gish, Simon Ward in a new production of T.S. Eliot's play...

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An unromantic boon for Mills



The word retirement sends a bristle along the toothbrush of Sir John Mills's mousetache. Looking at a pleasure boat passing downstream from the National, he cites the case of his chum Bob Hope...

ARTS DIARY

Universal appeal

Well on his way to raising his personal goal of £2 million in aid of the Mexican earthquake victims, Placido Domingo has taken time off to create another record...

Knight errant

And now for something completely indifferent. Terry Jones, of Monty Python fame, will turn up at the Chaucer Festival in Canterbury next week...

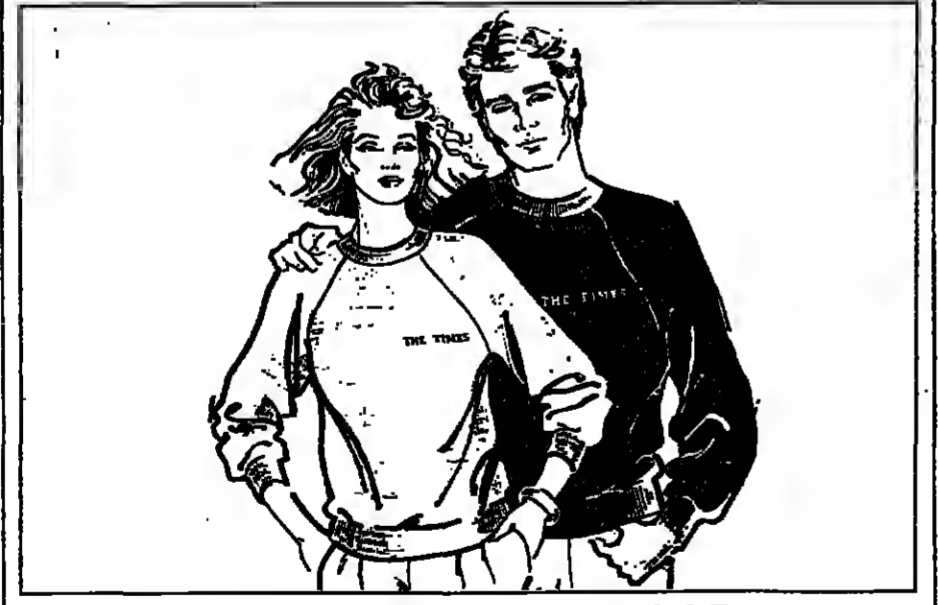
Rudi-mentary

Rudolf Nureyev has been much more than a ballerina but never kind. At the Paris Opera, where he is director, he has thumped dance teacher Michel Renault and slapped dancer Jean-Christophe Randa...

Off beat

Visitors to the Cambridge Festival should beware the Toulouse-like progress of the Takacs Quartet, who will be playing there tonight. At an earlier performance this year, one player lost his luggage and jacket and shoes four sizes too big...

THE TIMES SWEATSHIRT



The classic stretch-knit sweatshirt originated in the U.S.A. as a comfortable easy-fit top for sports and leisure activities. The design, crew-neck with deep raglan sleeves and stretch-knit neck, cuffs and hem, makes it a useful multi-purpose garment...

Order form for The Times Sweatshirt, including price (£9.95 each), color options (Burgundy, Grey, Navy), and shipping information.

PHOTOGRAPHY

LIFE AND LANDSCAPE: Life in rural East Anglia by P.H. Emerson, a typical Victorian with wide-ranging interests.

BOOKINGS

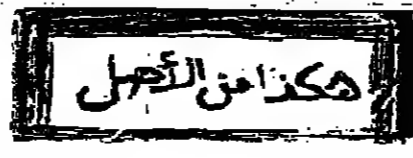
FIRST CHANCE

SADLERS WELLS BALLET: Booking open for season at Royal Opera House, including London premiere of David Bintley's The Snow Queen, Sept 9-22.

LAST CHANCE

SCULPTURE IN BRITAIN BETWEEN THE WARS: Includes works by Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Jacob Epstein, Eric Gill, Leeds Friday.

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper; Dance: John Percival; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Photography: Michael Young; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 25: Mr. J. Adams (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Paris) and Mrs Adams had the honour of being received by The Queen...

Finneron and Major Rowan Jackson, RM were in attendance. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning reviewed the 25th Anniversary Parade at Ryton Police Training Centre...

There were present: The Viscountess Whitelaw, Lord President, the Lord Denham (Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms), the Baroness Young (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)...

KENSINGTON PALACE July 25: The Prince and Princess of Wales continued to visit the Shetland Isles this morning. His Royal Highness visited the town of Lerwick...

Anglo-Austrian Society. Lord Caccia, President of the Anglo-Austrian Society, and Sir William Clark, MP, gave a luncheon at the House of Commons yesterday in honour of Mr Robert J. O'Neill, HM Ambassador designate to Vienna...

Reception. Sternberg Centre for Judaism. The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Right Rev C. G. Cogan, Chairman of the Council of Christians and Jews at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism yesterday...

Distillers' Company. The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Christopher Collet, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Distillers' Company at Vintners' Hall yesterday...

Latest wills. Duke of Manchester, of Tennessee, United States and Kenya, left unsettled estate in £175,766 net, together with settled land already valued at £139,600 net, made a total of £315,366.

James Tolhurst Sin as a personal tragedy

"An unfinished creature in an unfinished world" was Bishop F. R. Barry's verdict on mankind. But the statement, which may intrigue the psychologist, hardly satisfies anyone involved with the unfinished creature itself...

Roman Catholic theologians between 1977 and 1984, insist that the Evangelical original sin has distorted every part of human nature, "consequently the Apostle Paul describes all people as 'enslaved', 'blind', 'dead' and 'under God's wrath'...

There are essentially only two reactions possible for matter: it can either respond to what is good, or react in horror to what it perceives as evil. It is this response which characterizes our humanity. But instead of talking in terms of the weight of corruption, we should look at the impact which such choice occasions...

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Peter Carey, 63; Mr Vivas Gerulatis, 52; The Right Rev. W. G. Gilpin, 84; Mr Mick Jagger, 43; Miss Barbara Jefford, 56; Dr John Kilgour, 62; Mr Stanley Kubrick, 58; Sir Richard Miller, 82; Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes, MP, 56; Sir Derek Richards, 74; Miss Bernice Rubens, 58; Professor Sir M. R. Spence, 70; Lord Thorneycroft, CH, 77; Mr M. H. W. Wells, 59.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Burchell and Miss E.L. Dymon. The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs H.W. Burchell, of Harpenden, and Edwina, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs E.M. Dymon.

Marriages

Mr D.N. Diamond and Miss S.M. Goldstein. The marriage took place on Saturday, July 19, at the Church of the Holy Name, Leeds, between Mr David Neil Diamond, only son of Mr and Mrs Cliff Diamond, of Manchester, and Miss Susan Mary Goldstein, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Erwin Max Goldstein, of Leeds. The Rev Antony Pearson officiated, assisted by Canon T.E. Kenneough.

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OBITUARY PROFESSOR FRITZ LIPMANN

Pioneer work in biochemistry



Professor Fritz Lipmann, the American Nobel Prize-winning biochemist, whose work provided the basis for our understanding of the conversion of food into energy, died in Poughkeepsie, New York on July 24. He was 87.

Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he was head of the Biochemical Research Laboratory. It was here, in 1945, that he and his students isolated coenzyme A, the substance which assists in the process of converting fatty acids, steroids, amino acids and haemoglobins into energy.

His first interest was the "Pasteur effect" and the non-fermentative metabolism of organisms, research he pursued, at the newly-opened Biological Institute of the Carlsberg Foundation in Copenhagen, after a year (1931-32) on a Rockefeller Fellowship in New York at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. Lipmann remained in Copenhagen, where he had gone as assistant to Albert Fischer, from 1932 to 1939, a period which laid the basis for his subsequent decisive observations.

MR PATRICK CAMPBELL. Mr Patrick Campbell, MC, who, as a schoolmaster, had a long and distinguished career which culminated in his appointment as Master of Westminster Under School, died on June 26. He was 88.

AIR CDRE D. D'ARCY GREIG. Christopher Orlebar writes: In your obituary of Air Commodore D. D'Arcy Greig (June 11) you say that he was captain of the winning 1929 British team.

Science report Protecting plants against weed killers

Some weed killers used by farmers are so powerful that unless applied with precision, they can kill the crops they are designed to protect. Genetic engineering is being used to solve this problem. By tinkering with the genetic make-up of plants, scientists are learning how to make crops resistant to the lethal effects of weed killers or herbicides.

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Kenneth Fleet Executive Editor

STOCK MARKET

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FT-SE 100
1545.8 (-1.9)
Bargains
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USM (Detastream)
122.59 (-0.34)
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US Dollar
1.4810 (-0.0115)
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3.1827 (-0.0045)
Trade-weighted
73.0 (+0.2)

Ensign bid for Berry

Ensign Trust, the restructured Murray Growth Trust, which is 80 per cent owned by Merchant Navy Officers Pension Investments, yesterday offered £86 million for Berry Trust — part of the GT Management stable with 11.7 per cent of GT.

Berry immediately called the bid unwelcome. Mr Bertie Boyd, joint managing director of GT, said Ensign was trying to pick up Berry cheap. He added that Berry had one of the most outstanding records of investment trusts in the last 10 years and also over the last 12 months. Berry's many small shareholders sitting on large capital gains would be disadvantaged by Ensign's bid.

Mr Philip Henderson, investment manager of Ensign, said Berry Trust's performance, after stripping out its GT investment which had been exemplary, was not all that good. In the recent GT flotation Berry reduced its stake from 28.2 per cent.

Gas date

Dealing in the shares of the privatized gas industry are expected to start in late November, Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Minister, said yesterday.

£400m issue

The Bank of England is issuing, by tender, a further £400 million tranche of 2½ per cent, index-linked Treasury stock, 2016, payable 40 per cent on tender and the balance on September 8.

City purchase

Five Oaks Investments, the property company, has bought Pountney Hill House in the City of London for over £5 million from Richard Ellis, the firm of agents acting for the receiver for Miller Buckley Developments. There is consent for a 23,596 sq ft development on the site near Cannon Street.

Preedy down

Alfred Preedy & Sons, the Midlands newsagent chain, suffered a sharp fall in pre-tax profits from £1.01 million to £383,000 in the year to March, on turnover up from £107.4 million to £113.6 million. The final dividend was left at 2.875p to make an unchanged annual total of 3.875p.

Travel Trust

Our report (July 15) about the Travel Trust and Virgin Atlantic litigation said that the action had been stayed because of Travel Trust's failure to provide security for costs. In fact, though the security ordered by the court, due on June 12, was paid on June 24, Virgin Atlantic was not told of this until July 15. The stay was not lifted until July 23 and the action is not yet set down for trial.

Grand Met to buy Ruddles for £14m

By Cliff Feltham
Ruddles, the country's best known brewers of real ale, is selling out to the Watney conglomerate Grand Metropolitan for £14.2 million.



Tony Ruddie: "Good news for connoisseurs" chair of 38 pubs in 1977 to concentrate on selling into other brewers' pubs, such as Grand Metropolitan, and to supermarkets and off-licences, where its profit margins have been squeezed by heavy discounting.

Mr Ruddie said that the takeover would enable it to promote its beers into pubs throughout the country by taking advantage of Grand Metropolitan's nationwide distribution network.

He said: "I think this is good news for real ale connoisseurs who can be assured that the quality will be maintained and our beers will be available to a much greater audience. When you are drinking a good pint it does not matter whether ownership is in the hands of a few people or a large group." A Grand Metropolitan spokesman said: "We have been selling Ruddles beers in 500 pubs in the South-east and another 250 in East Anglia. The future belongs to strong brand names, and Ruddies is the best." But Camra said it deplored the takeover. It said: "Grand Metropolitan might claim they will protect the name of Ruddies, but that does not mean they will be committed to keeping the brewery going or endeavour to maintain and improve the quality of the beers."



Bitter rivals no more: Watneys and Ruddles in a London pub

Interim dividend cut by 50 per cent at Britoil

By Teresa Poole
Britoil, one of the financially strongest independent oil companies, yesterday halved its interim dividend. It gave warning that if the oil price remained at the present level it would make no profits in the second half of 1986.

The shares fell 26p to a record low of 110p after the announcement that net profits in the first six months had fallen from £91.4 million to £34.5 million. Britoil's crude oil production in the first half increased slightly to 33 million barrels but the fall in turnover reflected an average price of £11.53 per barrel, compared with £22.71 in 1985. Over the first half of this year the oil price has fallen from \$28 to below \$10 a barrel.

Profits up sharply at Lloyds

**By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent**
Lloyds Bank yesterday began the clearing bank interim reporting season by announcing a sharp profits increase over the last six months, almost exactly matching the forecast made by the bank a month ago as part of its abortive bid for Standard Chartered Bank.

The results show a surge in profits from the bank's domestic UK operations while overseas banking operations required a lower level of loan loss provisions than last year. Lloyds produced a pretax profit of £335 million compared with £264 million at the same time last year. The bank had forecast a profit of £333 million a month ago. But because of a lower tax charge post-tax profits moved ahead even faster, to £214 million compared with £141 million, an increase of 52 per cent. Domestic UK operations moved ahead by 32 per cent to £136 million. The interim dividend has been increased by 1.25p, from 5p to 6.25p.

New finance chief for Standard

By Our Banking Correspondent
Standard Chartered has moved fast in appointing a new finance director with the announcement yesterday that Mr Richard Stein, currently the finance director of BOC, would be joining the Standard board in late September.

Mr Stein will be replacing Mr Stuart Tarrant, who resigned as finance director on Monday. There was speculation that Mr Tarrant had bid for Chartered and found his position at the bank untenable when the bid failed. Mr Michael McWilliam, chief executive of Standard, said: "BOC have been very accommodating in letting Mr Stein go so quickly. It seemed to me we should move fast on the appointment of such an important post at this particular time."

NMC in £8m takeover

By Our City Staff
NMC Investments, the fibre board containers and investment holding group, yesterday announced its first major purchase since the Saatchi brothers, Charles and Maurice, took their 30 per cent stake earlier this year.

It is paying a maximum of £8 million for Interpoly, a manufacturer of specialized polythene bags and sleeves, which last year made pretax profits of £451,000 on a £3.8 million turnover. The deal is being financed by a vendor-placing of £7 million NMC shares to institutions at £1 a share against the market price of 117p before yesterday's announcement. Sbareholders in Interpoly are taking a further 1 million shares. NMC's share price closed 6p up yesterday at 123p.

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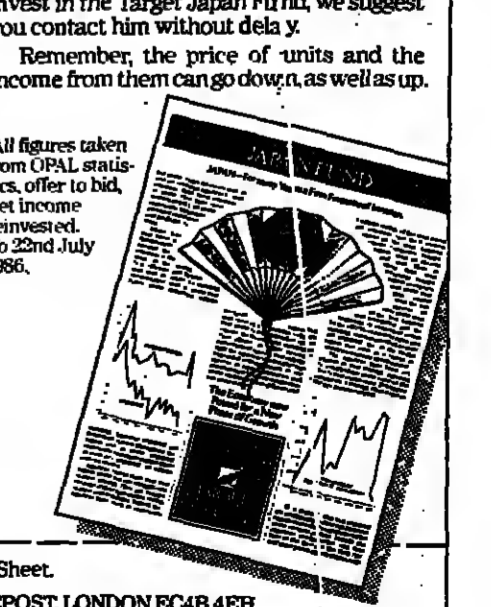
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£15m retail scheme for PHIT

**By Judith Huntley
Commercial Property
Correspondent**
Property Holding and Investment Trust, the subject of a hostile £108 million takeover bid from Greycoast Group, the rival property company, is to develop a £15 million, 27.5 acre retail park near Leamington Spa in Warwickshire significantly adding to the 20 per cent of retail property held in its portfolio.

PHIT has been negotiating for the £8.5 million purchase from a local charity for some time but the announcement of the scheme comes at an opportune moment for the company, which is keen to convince the market that it is an active developer. Greycoast in its offer to shareholders accused PHIT of being too reliant for growth on buying investment, rather than development properties, often let on long leases. PHIT says it is continuing to widen the portfolio. The company is telling shareholders to reject the Greycoast bid. Its defence document is likely to appear early next week. The company can probably count on support for 30 per cent of its shareholding.

AE says £174m bid 'totally inadequate'

By Lawrence Lever
The unwelcome £174.1 million bid for AE, the high technology engineers, from Turner & Newall, the mining, engineering and automotive group, was condemned as misconceived and totally inadequate by Sir John Collyear, AE's chairman, yesterday. AE's defence document, released yesterday, points to the discrepancy between AE's share price and the value of Turner & Newall's bid, and describes the bid as having no industrial logic.

Societies gain freedoms

By Martin Baker
Building societies have been granted important new financial freedoms in the Building Societies Act which yesterday received royal assent. The provisions of the Act will take effect at the beginning of next year; concern had been expressed by the Building Societies Association (BSA) that the Act might be delayed until 1988. The single most important new freedom will be the ability to grant unsecured loans to individuals of up to £5,000. This will permit building societies to offer the equivalent of bank cheque accounts, complete with the facility to become overdrawn. Other changes in the law will allow societies to convert themselves to limited companies, subject to the approval of their members, and to raise up to 20 per cent of their funds on the international capital markets. The building societies, both individually and through the medium of the BSA, have been pressing for a change in the law for more than five years.

Hong Kong Wharf trims its title and lifts profits

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong
The company with the longest name on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange — The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company — is to change its title to the more manageable one of The Wharf (Holding). In addition to the new name, Mr Peter Woo, the managing director and son-in-law of shipping tycoon Sir YK Pao, yesterday announced that pretax profits had almost doubled to HK\$1,165.2 million (£106 million) in the year ending March 31.

The name change is to reflect the 100-year-old firm's new status as an investment holding company, with interests in property, hotels, retailing, transport and financial services.

Shareholders are getting a one-for-10 scrip issue and a special one-for-10 centenary warrant to subscribe for

shares at HK\$7.50 each at the end of 1990. Turnover during the year more than doubled from HK\$530.2 million to HK\$3,279.9 million (£290 million), though much of that increase was due to the HK\$250 million acquisition of Wheelock Marden in March last year. Analysts have been expecting profits to increase by 30 per cent on last year's HK\$777.6 million. "It was a good, solid performance this year," said Mr Woo in Hong Kong yesterday. "There was no real star that outshone the rest."

The integration of Wheelock Marden had gone "relatively smoothly," he said. "Certain unprofitable or non-strategic subsidiaries have already been sold or ceased business. Wheelock's businesses in trading and retailing, manufacturing and commercial services have reported satisfactory results," he said. He added: "With the satisfactory recovery of the property market in 1985, the group's substantial interest in the property sector has recorded increased profit."

The company plans to improve services and increase revenue on its Hong Kong trams and the famous Star Ferry service. The proposed relocation of the tram depot to two new depots at either end of the system has been approved by the government in principle, thereby leaving the Wan Chai site free for a planned HK\$750 million development.

The company plans to pay a final dividend of 23 HK cents, making a total dividend of 31.5 HK cents per share for the full year, an increase of 50 per cent.

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Nikkei Dow	1843.57 (+7.57)
Hong Kong	282.2 (-1.3)
Amsterdam Gen	1119.0 (-9.2)
Sydney AO	1851.7 (+21.2)
Frankfurt	646.74 (+3.22)
Zurich	n/a
Paris CAC	n/a
Golub	n/a
SKA General	n/a

RISES	FALLS
New Cavendish	120p (-10p)
Conroy Pet	148p (-10p)
Rendco	75p (-8p)
G Ruddie	285p (-85p)
Reuters	495p (+7p)
Parkside	81p (+11p)

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Oil price fall hits trade surplus

**By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor**
Falling oil prices have cut the surplus on the current account of Britain's balance of payments to £1.07 billion in the first half of this year, compared with a £1.53 billion surplus for the same six months last year and a Budget forecast of a maintained £3.5 billion surplus for the year as a whole.

The surplus on oil trade fell to £2.8 billion compared with £4.4 billion a year ago dragging the visible trade deficit from £1.4 billion to almost £3 billion. But this is more than made up by invisible earnings from investments, the City and tourism, which are estimated in advance to be earning a £700 million a month surplus.

The June trade figures, released yesterday, show a small increase in the overall current surplus to £77 million from £34 million in May and little change in the picture of sluggish imports and exports. The improvement is entirely accounted for by a sharp fall in oil imports from £370 million to £237 million, their lowest level since January 1974. Oil exports fell more gently by £57 million to £526 million, raising the oil trade surplus from £212 million to £288 million. But this is little more than a third of the monthly surplus last autumn before the collapse of oil prices.

There was little reaction to the figures in the foreign exchange markets, although the non-oil visible trade deficit was higher and the overall June surplus somewhat lower than most City forecasts. The most worrying element in the trade picture is the continuing upturn in the non-oil trade deficit since a sharp fall in April. Excluding erratic items such as gems, silver, ships and aircraft, as well as oil, the visible deficit edged up from £995 million in May to £1.12 billion last month.

Non-oil exports rose by only £17 million suggesting that British goods are not proving more competitive in export markets that remain sluggish. Imports fell chiefly because of a fall in aircraft deliveries. The deficit on trade in manufactures for the second quarter as a whole, at £373 million was still sharply down on the £1.42 billion registered in the first quarter and the Government believes that there has been a slight underlying rise in the level of non-oil exports.

Some analysts in the City also suggest that the estimate of £700 million per month surplus on invisibles used since April may prove optimistic.

WALL STREET

Shares stage recovery

New York (Agencies) - Shares rose in early trading yesterday, erasing most of Thursday's loss, although the 1,800 level continued to be a stopping point for the Dow Jones industrial average. It rose by 6.38 to 1,798.0, after hitting resistance at 1,799.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., ASA, Allied Signal, Alcoa) and their respective prices and changes.

COMPANY NEWS

JACKSONS BOURNE: Total dividend 6p (same) for the year to March 31. Turnover £5.46 million (£4.82 million). Pretax profit £105,000 (£435,000). Earnings per share, before extraordinary items, 4.2p (16.2p) and after, 2.3p (20.5p).

Turnover £43.15 million (£41.42 million). Pretax profit £1.03 million (£738,000). Earnings per share 6.48p (6.52p).

warehouse and now has planning permission for an apartment-hotel. INGERSOLL-RAND: First half of 1986. Pretax earnings \$57.7 million (£38.6 million), against \$56.2 million. Sales \$1.38 billion (\$1.29 billion).

TEMPUS

Future looks bleak for Britoil investors

What looked like a Tory blunder last August when small investor demand for Britoil shares was severely underestimated could now, with hindsight and charity, be seen as the cautious act of a Government anxious not to give wider share ownership a bad name.

wildest fantasy is that the Labour Party's concept of renationalization "without speculative gain" could, in the case of Britoil, mean an offer from the next Government at the original issue price of the shares.

Lloyds Bank

Lloyds Bank surprised nobody when it opened the clearing bank interim season yesterday with a result marginally better than its own forecast a month ago when still in the middle of its bid for Standard Chartered.

For worse is to come. In the first half the company's average price for a barrel of oil halved to £11.53 a barrel and net profits dived from £91.4 million to £34.5 million.

Lloyds produced a pretax result of £335 million, compared with its forecast of £333 million - a 2.6 per cent rise on last year's first half. The interim dividend of 6.25p exactly matches the forecast.

Lloyds has always been good at handling its tax charge and this time has managed to reduce its tax rate to 36 per cent from 47 per cent. This helped produce the post-tax profit result - a figure Lloyds is keen to stress - of £214 million, a 52 per cent increase on last year's £141 million.

There are clearly features in its results to encourage optimism. The redeployment of low yielding assets in more profitable areas has so far proved a success. It has furthered to go: there is the little matter of reinvesting the \$263 million (£175 million) soon to come in from the sale of Lloyds Bank California.

The news from Mexico on debt rescheduling has optimistic implications for Lloyds's Latin American exposure, but in any case the era of rising bad debt provisioning appears to be over. It is also encouraging that the bank has managed to hold its operating expenses down to a 6 per cent increase. A merger with Standard Chartered would surely have pushed this figure through the roof.

Lloyds is unlikely to be looking for another big takeover victim, though a second go at Standard cannot be ruled out if another bid emerges for the overseas bank.

After the divestment of the Californian subsidiary, how-

ever, Lloyds may be looking for some purchases in the United States. One of the jewels in the Standard crown after all, was Union, its US bank.

More certain is that more effort will be put into improving the Far East and middle eastern operations which are holding the bank back from its aim of 18 per cent return on shareholders funds. There will also be more investment in non-interest earning income, which is proving such a success in the present year.

Alfred Preedy

Alfred Preedy is a much slimmer animal than it used to be, but has found little comfort in rationalization.

The wholesaling, Ronsou lighter and printing and school contracting divisions have all gone, leaving the company a purely retailing operation, with more than 160 confectionery, tobacco and newsagent (CTN) outlets.

Both sides have had their problems, as witnessed by the pretax profits slump from £1.01 million to £383,000 for the year to March 29. Preedy lost £208,000 after rationalization costs.

Operating profits were down 17 per cent at £1.14 million, with CTN margins squeezed by the continuing drop in smoking, the stagnation of other lines and a 6 per cent pay rise ordered by the industry wage council. Margins were up in the other stores, but on insufficient volume to compensate for sharp rate and rent increases.

Preedy is trying to get out of its jam by pushing more high-margin goods, such as books, stationery and cards, through its larger outlets, and following the trend to convenience stores which offer groceries, alcohol and extended opening hours. The group hopes to open two new convenience outlets this year and extend the range of goods on sale at several CTNs.

The shares slumped 12p to 100p after the results yesterday but, as an afterthought, rallied 4p. Even if the outlook is not that exciting, Preedy has strong asset backing and could well become the subject of take-over talk again, despite the large family holding.

board reports that, but for adverse exchange rate movements, the half-year's profits would have exceeded £2 million and earnings per share would have more than doubled. But a further material increase in profits for the full year is expected.

VIEWPLAN: Year to March 31. Total dividend 1.26p. Turnover £5.09 million (£2.87 million). Pretax profit £367,000 (£704,000). Earnings per share 4.03p (5.97p).

LADIES PRIDE: Half-year to May 31. Interim dividend 0.5p (same), payable on Oct. 13. Sales £3.36 million (£3.93 million). Pretax loss £13,000 (loss £138,000). Loss per share 0.15p (1.63p). The group is on course for a return to profitable trading by the end of the current year.

BARRIE INVESTMENTS & FINANCE: Year to March 31. Dividend trebled to 0.3p, payable on Sept. 17. Pretax profit £1 million (£845,000). Earnings per share 0.62p.

HILL & SMITH HOLDINGS: Six months to March 31. Interim dividend 1.30p (1.25p), payable on Sept. 5. Turnover £14.32 million (£12.79 million). Pretax profit £319,000 (£743,000). Earnings per share 4.65p (4.24p). The board is confident that group profit will be a record for the third year in succession.

HEITON HOLDINGS: No dividend for the year to April 30. Pretax profit £237,000 (£221,700), against a loss of £239,000. Turnover £27.5 million (£27.48 million). Loss per share 1.41p (5.01p).

J & J DYSON: Year to March 31. Total dividend 4.5p (4p).

turnover £43.15 million (£41.42 million). Pretax profit £1.03 million (£738,000). Earnings per share 6.48p (6.52p).

EXPLOSION COMPANY OF LOUISIANA: The company has bought the interests of the John W Mecum Co and certain associates in about 40,000 gross acres of land in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes, Louisiana, for about \$23 million (£15.4 million).

RAINE INDUSTRIES: The board has signed a conditional agreement for the acquisition of Miller Wheelon, a private building and contracting company. Miller has itself agreed to acquire C Price and Son. The consideration for Miller, enlarged by Price, will be 13 million ordinary shares and up to 8.3 million deferred shares in Raine.

BENSONS CRISPS: No dividend (same) for the 26 weeks to May 31 (27 weeks last time). Turnover £4.72 million (£4.91 million). Pretax profit £11,000 (£48,300 less). Earnings per share 0.2p (1.0 loss).

SAC INTERNATIONAL: The company is to purchase Focus Technical Services for £700,000, satisfied by the issue of 614,035 ordinary shares (an increase of 4.25p for the year to May 2. Turnover £11.27 million (£12.66 million). Pretax profit £808,000 (£2.26 million). Earnings per share 4.5p (1.7p). The board explains that the results for the second half were, as expected, substantially better than the poor first half.

ELBIEF: Year to April 30. Total dividend 1.89p (1.72p). Pretax profit £603,000 (£521,000). Turnover £4.2 million (£3.82 million). Earnings per share 2.61p (2.49p).

HAROLD INGRAM: Terms have been agreed for the purchase of 17 Bloom St, Manchester, for £250,000 in ordinary shares. They will be placed in the market before completion. The property is used as a

warehouse and now has planning permission for an apartment-hotel.

INGERSOLL-RAND: First half of 1986. Pretax earnings \$57.7 million (£38.6 million), against \$56.2 million. Sales \$1.38 billion (\$1.29 billion).

WPP GROUP: The group is to buy Oakley Young Associates, which specializes in packaging, environmental, catalogue point-of-sale and promotional premium design. An initial £1 million in cash will be paid on completion. Further payments in cash or shares will be made, based on profits, subject to a maximum of £6 million. An additional payment of up to £1.2 million may be made in 1991, conditional on profits.

LIMITED FRIENDLY INSURANCE: The company has signed an agreement with a syndicate of banks, led by Schroders, for a £50 million term-loan facility. It will be used to finance variable-rate mortgages for endowment policyholders.

BIDDLE HOLDINGS: The offers by Kone (UK) have been declared unconditional in all respects and will remain open until further notice. The increased ordinary offer has been accepted by the holders of 2.56 million shares (about 64.2 per cent). The preference offer has been accepted by the holders of 28,100 shares (about 10.3 per cent).

TENNECO: Six months to June 30. Net income more than doubled to \$204 million (£136.77 million), against \$98 million. Net sales and operating revenues \$7.67 billion (\$7.37 billion). Earnings per share \$1.16 (49 cents).

XEROX CORP: Second quarter to June 30. Net income \$122.3 million (£82 million), against \$220.5 million. Sales \$1.13 billion (\$1.02 billion). Earnings per share \$1.13 (\$2.17).

IU INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION: Half-year to June 30. Net earnings \$61.72 million (£41.38 million), against a loss of \$43.61 million, including an extraordinary credit of \$39.78 million (nil).

APPOINTMENTS

Philip Crosby Associates: Mr Lance Arrington has been elected a board member.

Charterhouse Investment Management: Mr Paul Field has been made chief administrative director, Mr Nigel Watson a director and managing director of Charterhouse Fund Managers, and Mr JI Mackenzie and Mr DA Bentata directors and joint managing directors of Charterhouse Portfolio Managers.

Center Parcs: Mr Peter Moore becomes director of marketing. R S Kennedy & Co: Mr KPA Lewis is now chairman. Mr CD Harvey is joining the board.

Institute of Directors: Mr Graham Mather is general director, economic affairs, succeeding Lord Harris of High Cross.

CT Bowling & Co: Mr S Harker and Mr J Mann are now directors, Bowling Space Projects. Mr T Madigan is a director, Bowling Macalister & Allison Aberdeen. Mr GM Worrall is a director, Bowling Robertson Mitchell. C & W Walker Holdings: Sir Anthony Jolliffe becomes chairman.

HTV Group: Mr Tim Knowles becomes managing director. Thorn EMI: Mr Peter Hayman becomes director, corporate projects.

The Towry Law Group: Mr Christopher Blackhouse becomes a director, Towry Law & Company and Mr Richard Palmer a director, Towry Law (Pensions Services) and Towry Law (Pensions Consultants).

Walter Judd: Mrs Veronica Lindsay and Mr William Fergusson have been made associate directors. Integrated Visions Systems: Mr Dick Raper is now sales and marketing director.

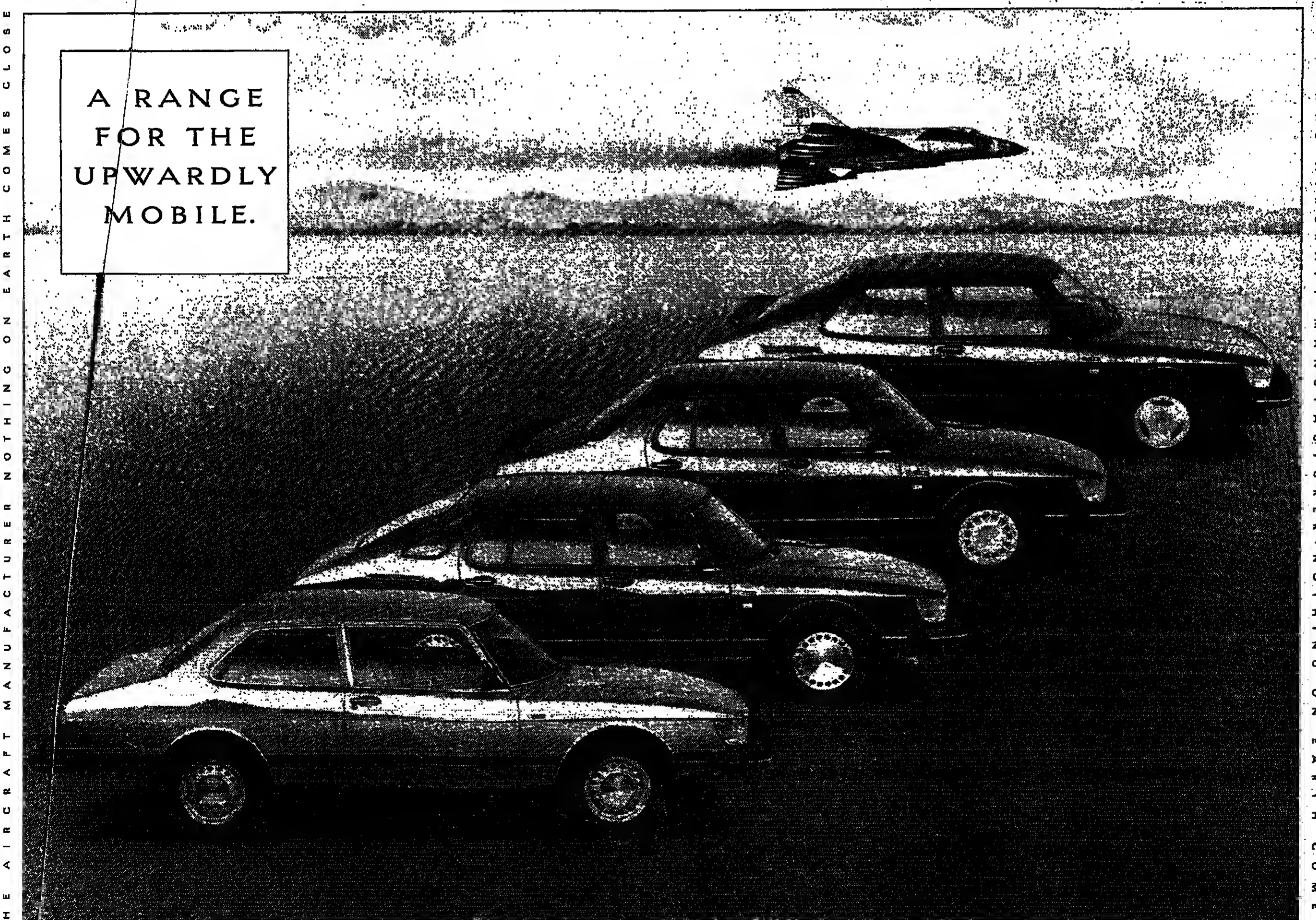
Alphameric: Mr John Barrat becomes systems director, Mr Richard Oppe commercial director, Mr Ernie Harris divisional director and Mr Alain Reynal managing director, France.

Tin decision likely soon

A decision on the application by Carnon Consolidated for government money to keep its Cornish tin mines open, is likely to be made on Tuesday, Mr David Harris, Conservative MP for St Ives, said yesterday.

Minister to put the case for saving the industry. They also met Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Peter Morrison, the Minister of State. Mr Harris said he believed reports that the Treasury was blocking willingness by the Department of Trade and Industry to support the tin mines.

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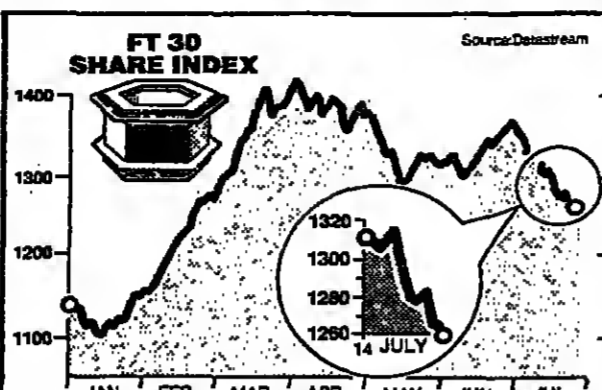
Blue Circle tumbles as gloom grows on profits outlook

By Michael Clark

Shares of Blue Circle Industries tumbled 20p to 573p yesterday, wiping £25 million from the group's stock market value as City analysts continued to take an increasingly pessimistic view of its prospects for the current year.

Later in the day, a seller of over 500,000 shares appeared in the market, but was unable to find a buyer. The shares were down 20p to 573p. The FT 30 index of 30 shares finished 0.5 lower at 1,263.7 - a fall on the two-week average of 73.6 points.

Operating profits are down 20 per cent on the year, but the company is still profitable. The company is still profitable. The company is still profitable.



5623 million, were much in line with expectations. Gilts enjoyed gains of up to 2 1/2% in this trade. But the Government broker felt confident enough to issue a further £400 million of Treasury index-linked stock.

Further reflection on ICI's second-quarter figures prompted a rise of 12p to 994p. But the building sector was under a cloud, worried by reports that the European Commission was pressing for the Government to charge VAT on new homes.

The capital Grand Met shed 1p at 370p. The rest of the brewers appeared unsettled, with small gains in Belhaven, up 1p at 60p.

Ensign Trust's unwanted bid for Berry Trust is likely to focus attention soon on Ivory & Sime, where Ensign owns a 23.6 per cent stake.

Oil shares took a beating, despite the firmer price of oil on the spot market where Brent crude for September delivery rose by 1.25 cents to \$9.70.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Rover deals could delay state sale

The Government's record as a whole in privatizing bits of industries, which seem less than salacable, is looking ragged. It was surely not envisaged that the sale of British Shipbuilders' warship yards would have raised only £160 million, resulting in a book loss of £248 million.

Graham Day, who followed his instructions to the letter at British Shipbuilders, was moved to BL (now Rover) when the Department of Trade and Industry thought a similar process would have been well-nigh completed.

Acting under a false name

What's in a name? The answer, in the context of unit trusts, appears to be everything in marketing terms, but sometimes precious little in substance.

Trendy fund titles have come in waves - oils and energy in the mid-1970s, Japan in the early 1980s, and more recently Europe. But fashions change, and when they do the gap between the marketing image of a fund and the reality of its underlying investments can widen.

Flexibility in investment management is undoubtedly a good thing, but here we seem to have a confession of error combined with financial paternalism. The nature of the fund which was the essence of its original appeal should not be dispensed with because the managers are not as clever as they thought they were.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table with columns for various futures contracts (e.g., Three Month Sterling, Sep 86, Dec 86) and their prices.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies (e.g., Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, Hong Kong dollar).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table listing traditional options with columns for Last Dealings, Last Declaration, and First Settlement.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table listing various traded options (e.g., Allied Lyons, BP, Cons Gold, Courtauld, Corn Union, Cable & Wire, Distillers, GEC, Grand Mer, ICI, Land Sec, Marks & Spen, Shell Trans, Tinsbury House, Baschem, Boots, BTL, Bess, Blue Circle, De Beers, Dimec, GRN, Qmco, Hanson) with columns for Series, Calls, and Puts.

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Table showing money market rates (e.g., Base Rates, Clearing Banks, Overnight Market Loans).

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS

Table listing Euro money deposits for various currencies (e.g., Dollar, Deutschmark, French Franc, Swiss Franc).

GOLD

Table showing gold prices (e.g., Gold 349.50-350.00, Gold 348.50-350.00).

TREASURY BILLS

Table listing Treasury bills (e.g., Applies: £54.3m, £45m: £37.556m).

ECGD

Table listing ECGD rates (e.g., Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme).

Large advertisement for 'Record profit and earnings per share' for the first half of 1986, featuring a large graphic of the number '1' and a table of financial results.

Advertisement for Lloyds Bank, featuring a table of financial results for the first half of 1986 and the slogan 'A THOROUGH BRED AMONGST BANKS.'

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table of unit trusts with columns for Name, Bid, Offer, Change, Yield, and various fund categories like EQUITY & LAW, FIXED INCOME, and SPECIAL INVESTMENTS.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table of unlisted securities with columns for Name, Price, Change, Yield, and P/E ratio.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trusts with columns for Name, Bid, Offer, Change, Yield, and various fund categories.

Disclaimer text: The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading. Ex dividend, Cum dividend, Cum stock split, etc.

COMMODITIES section header and introductory text.

Table of commodity prices for LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE, including items like Sugar, Cocoa, and Coffee.

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Five million in line for a share of TSB

If you were a buyer of British Telecom, then don't miss the TSB which promises to be the most profitable new issue yet. Sir John Read, chairman of the Trustee Savings Bank, this week, at last, gave the formal and public declaration that the flotation would go ahead, though he was coy about giving the exact day in September.

Private investors should keep an eye on dates for completing the formalities of applying for shares, because all the signs are that it will prove to be a bonanza of British Telecom proportions for anyone lucky enough to get shares.

It is the largest share launch ever seen on the Stock Exchange, excluding the Government's privatization programme, and the bank is keen to attract as many private investors as possible. It is

hoping to get more than a million.

The flotation was to have gone ahead last year, of course, until some Scottish depositors put a spanner in the works by insisting that the bank was owned by its depositors. This contradicted the view of the Government and the bank that no one owned it. The subsequent legal wrangling dragged on until early this month when the Law Lords finally decided that the Government and the bank were right, leaving the door open for the delayed flotation to go ahead.

Owning TSB shares should be a bonanza for several reasons. It is, to begin with, literally a give-away. As no one owns the bank, no one owns its £800 million reserves or its fixed assets - until its shares are sold. In pumping their money into the bank,

investors will automatically be picking up the ownership of all these assets at the same time.

City analysts are virtually unanimous in believing the shares will rise rapidly in price after the launch, just as BT's did. "It's bound to go well," says Tim Clarke, of stockbroker Scrimgeour Vickers. "It has all the makings of an

extremely popular issue." Once this sort of opinion becomes widespread in the stock market, it tends to become self-fulfilling as everyone wants to get in on the action.

But the biggest upward pressure on the share price is likely to come from the large institutional investors. "The TSB

looks a good institutional buy," says Mr Clarke. "But a lot of institutions will get fewer shares than they want." With a significant new bank entering the stock market, the institutions will need a lot of TSB shares if they are to maintain an even spread of holdings in the sector. This will create a heavy demand for shares, much as institutional

lion customers are eligible, and if they all apply for shares only half the issue will be available for all other private and institutional investors. The institutions will almost certainly not get the quota of shares they need from this and will be all the more eager to buy in the secondary market after the launch.

The share issue will probably contain features designed to minimize "staggering" - buying shares in order to sell at a profit immediately after the issue - and multiple applications will also be discouraged. There will probably also be perks attached to the shares as there were in the BT issue but the TSB has not revealed any details yet.

The somewhat arbitrary date of December 17, 1984, was chosen some time ago as the cut-off date beyond which new customers are not eligible

for preferential treatment in the allotment of shares. However, the five million people who were customers before that date will still not be eligible unless they register with the bank before September 5.

A full-scale publicity campaign, cutely featuring bowler hats to signify investment, has now got under way and information packs are available from TSB branches. But the simplest way to find out about the flotation is to ring the Share Information Office (another borrowing from the BT issue) on 0272 300 300. The office will not only send you the information pack but register your name so that you will automatically receive a share application form on the appropriate day.

Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Leave the PEP to the plan manager

Further details emerged this week on how the new Personal Equity Plan, which will be available to investors from January 1, will work.

The PEP, revealed by the Chancellor in this year's Budget, allows individuals to invest up to £2,400 a year in a mixture of shares and unit trusts and to enjoy tax relief on the dividends, while sales within the plan will be free of capital gains tax.

The most popular way in which PEPs are likely to be marketed is in a form similar to unit trusts. The Government has given the go-ahead to common management schemes whereby the money that investors want to be put into a PEP will be pooled together by a "plan manager", who would make all the investment decisions.

The major plan managers are likely to be institutions such as unit trust companies, banks and building societies. Barclays Bank, for example, announced this week that it is to offer PEPs through a new stockbroking service.

PEPs will run on the basis of the calendar year rather than the tax year and you will be able to take out only one plan a year. This is the case even where you do not put the maximum permitted amount - £2,400 a year or £200 a month - into a PEP.

For example, if you put

£1,200 into a PEP next year you will not be able to start up another PEP with, say, a different fund manager, until the following year.

However, this does not automatically restrict you to one plan manager a year. If you do not like the investment performance you are entitled to switch your PEP to another plan manager without forfeiting your tax privileges.

This may prove an expensive business. It is worth bearing in mind that the Government is not putting any limit on the amount you can be charged by the plan manager, although the charges will have to be clearly stated.

One interesting aspect announced this week is that, once all your investments have been made, you or your plan manager can switch the unit and investment trusts into shares.

However, the converse is not allowed, so you cannot convert the shares into unit or investment trusts even where the maximum thresholds for these types of investments within the PEP has not been reached.

To secure the PEP tax breaks the PEP must be allowed to run until December 31 of the year after the starting year of the plan. So if you begin a plan in July 1987 it must be continued, without withdrawals or other breaches of the "PEP" requirements until December 31, 1988.

You won't get rich on the Imperial roubles

Interest in Russian Imperial Bonds surged last week after the British and Soviet governments signed an agreement to unlock £45 million to compensate British holders of financial and property assets seized in the Bolshevik revolution of 1917.

But what does the agreement hold for the ordinary individual who bought Russian bonds? The answer in most cases will be not very much.

One investor who will be leaving his Russian bond on the office wall is Michael Bliss, chief executive of Frasers Financial Services.

Mr Bliss, aged 54, was one of a number of readers who called *The Times* to seek advice on what to do. Unfortunately his 1913 City of St Petersburg bond has a face value of 189 roubles, equivalent to £20, leaving him ripe for a payout of about £2.20.

Although the bond was a present, the frame cost rather more than that. "I don't think I'll be retiring just yet," he said.

The £45 million bounty being paid out for the bonds comes from bank accounts of the Imperial Russian Government frozen in London when



Pretty but paltry: Michael Bliss with his St Petersburg bond, worth £2.20 today

Lenin came to power. It will be used to settle claims worth an estimated £400 million which must be lodged with the Government by December 31.

The money will be used to settle all the claims, which means that if everyone eligible applies a payment of about 11p in the pound will be made. The fewer who apply, the higher the percentage payout. However, the payments will be made only on the value of the investments in 1917. For holders of property and other physical assets that means no account will be taken of inflation. For holders of bonds, it means no compensation for 69 years of missed interest payments.

So before you smash your metal frames, take a minute to work out how much

you paid for your bond and how much you are likely to get back from the Government.

Those who bought their bonds on the stock market through a broker might have paid only £3 per £100 bond - the price they traded at the day before the Government's announcement. For these investors, it might be a good idea to cash them in with the Government, a move that might

treble their money.

However, people who bought the Donetz Railway 4 per cent bonds of 1893 and others for their aesthetic appeal in a specialist collectors' shop might do better to forget any ideas about raising a little extra cash. Prices on the high street vary, but some bonds in particularly good condition

have been known to fetch hundreds of pounds.

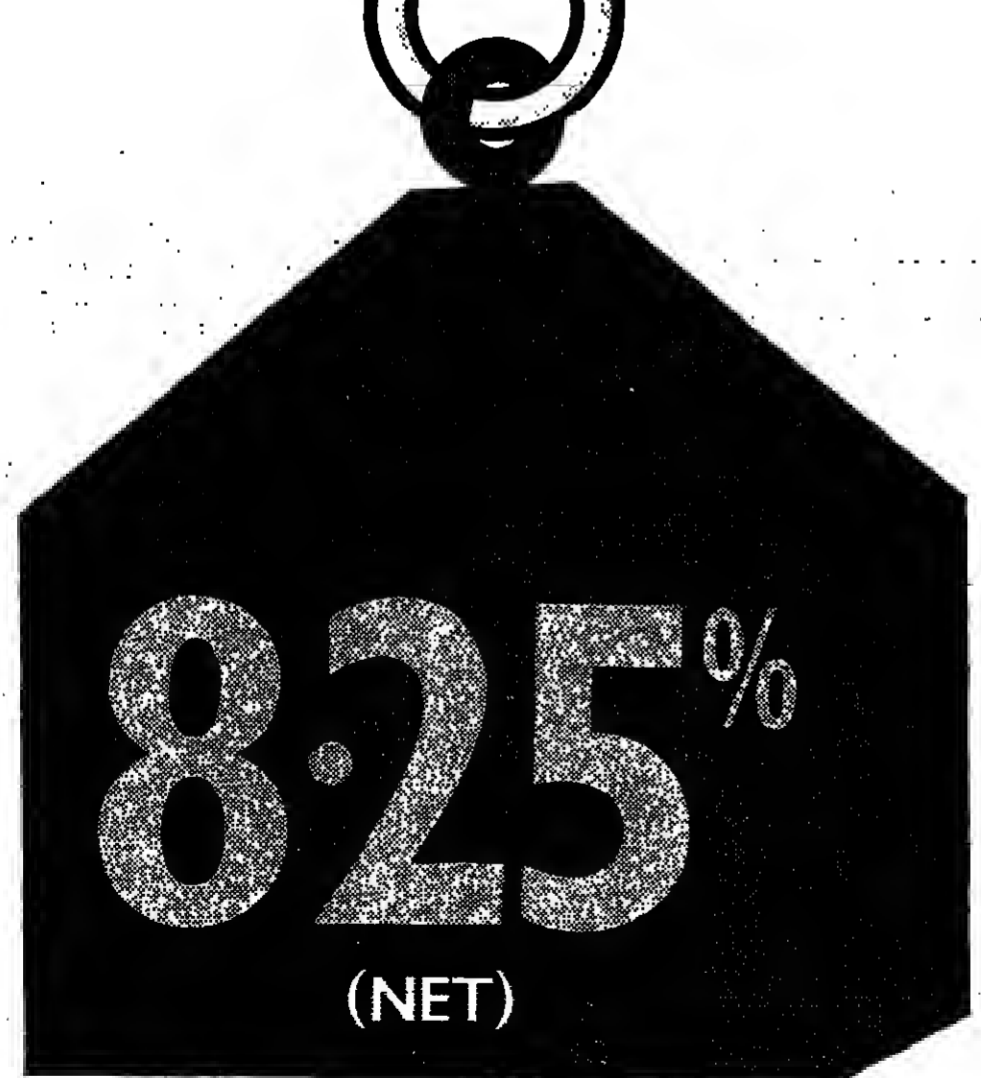
Any lingering temptation to take up the Government's offer may also be killed by other considerations. How much did it cost to frame the print? How much will it cost to send the bonds and application forms off to the Foreign Office?

And are you prepared to wait while the government bureaucracy cranks slowly into action? Despite official promises to do things as quickly as possible, it will be 1987, and possibly 1988 or later, before a cheque, courtesy of the Imperial Russian Government, lands on your doormat.

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Frome Selwood	14 Days Notice	7.80	7.95	1,000	
Harrow	7 Day	7.75	7.90	500	
Reddington	7 Day Notice	7.75	7.90	100	G
St Pancras	High Yield Shares	7.75	7.90	500	

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Advice on boot booty

They have spies almost everywhere; not even car boot sales are safe. Rumours abound of inland Revenue officers mingling among the crowds at those great weekend institutions...

We have no direct access to the Swansea registration centre, said the Revenue spokesman. "and we're not interested in people's beer money. It's the character with a boot full of merchandise from Hong Kong that we'd look at..."

Hidden charges

Eurocheques, so we were told, were to be an improvement on the already satisfactory system of using your ordinary cheque guarantee card and cheque book



'All I know is I haven't been able to make head or tail of my account since we went metric'

for obtaining cash at banks when on the Continent. Quite apart from the fact that Eurocheques are more expensive than the old system, it seems that there are some unexpected charges on top...

To add to the inconvenience, some banks give you the 500 lire stamp and stick it on the back of your Eurocheque. You then have to go to a post office to get it endorsed and validated. What you

Maze made easy

National Insurance contributions for the vast army of employees are nothing more than an irritating deduction from pay. But for thousands of small businesses which do not have specialist wages staff, and controlling directors, they can be a nightmare.

To help you find your way through the maze, the Institute of Chartered Accountants has published a Practical Guide to Social Security Contributions, which covers in detail all aspects of both employee and employer contributions, as well as contributions for the self-employed.

BES stop-press

The Business Expansion Scheme season has not yet got under way but this week sees the launch of BES Investment, a newsletter covering the BES field. Clearly, as the number of BES companies seeking finance increases towards the end of the

Brave policy

Investment managers M & G are celebrating the 25th anniversary of their life company and to mark the occasion have tracked down one of their first investors who bought a £2-a-month policy in March 1961. Mary Morrison's payout from her investment in M & G's General Trust Fund was £4,053 for a total investment of £500, which after tax relief cost her only £500.



Mrs Morrison: £4,053 payout. Hopkinson, managing director of M & G. Presenting Mrs Morrison with a carriage clock. Mr Hopkinson congratulated her on her courage and steadfastness.

year, the newsletter will have to expand. But the first 18-page issue covers topics such as how to claim your BES tax relief, reviews the 1985-86 BES scene, and gives the low-down on those BES prospectus issues and funds now open to investors.

launch period). And a panel of brokers - Phillips & Drew, Kleinwort Greaveson and Greenwell, Montagu - are prepared to give BES advice and rebate the total cost of the subscription to everyone who makes a reasonably substantial investment through them, during the current financial year.

A risky relationship

A report published this week surprisingly revealed that even among young people there is little evidence that cohabitation is actually replacing marriage. But there is considerable data indicating an increase in cohabitation as a prelude to marriage.

Marriage and living together are legally two very different things. However many years you cohabit with someone, you are never entitled legally to the protection that a marriage bestows and the resulting rights on a split-up.

Ideally you should take legal advice at the outset of cohabitation. This can avoid horrendous problems later on. A solicitor, Peter Grose Hodgson, advises: "If you are not married you must be businesslike in your financial dealings with each other. I draft what I call an ante-nuptial settlement."

A couple of high-earning accountants from Islington, north London, sorted out everything when they started living together.

Now, seven years later, they are splitting up. They explained their position: "We put the house in joint names, and we had a joint bank account for the mortgage, bills, and other outgoings. We also had a joint petty cash book for everyday expenses."

"We are now splitting the sale proceeds of the house and the items of furniture equally. It is all quite orderly and amicable and as a result we do not need solicitors to sort it out."

This organized split-up may be easy for high-flying yuppie accountants who put pen to paper and sort out their affairs in advance. But for other cohabiting couples, breaking up can produce a financial shock.

Cohabitators have no right to claim maintenance from each other, regardless of how long they are a millionaire and the other has devoted all her time to bringing up their children.

A mother who has been cohabiting is, however, entitled to claim maintenance for any children, though not for herself. Nor can she insist that her former partner provides her with somewhere to live or money to buy somewhere.

A solicitor, Judith Wicks, of Mackworth Rowland, explained: "A husband has a duty to maintain his wife and the court has very sweeping powers on divorce to sort out what the financial needs of the parties are. When you cohabit there is no duty at all."

Sorting out what happens to the home can also be a problem. If a husband who is a sole owner and mortgagee of the home stops paying the mortgage, the bank or building society has to accept mortgage payments from his wife. She can, therefore, prevent the lender from making her homeless. A cohabitee has no such rights.

Furthermore, merely being married gives you both an automatic right to live in the home, regardless of which of you actually owns it. You cannot evict each other without a court order.

But when cohabitators split up, the partner who does not own the home could finish up on the streets without any money. If the home is owned by one party only, there is an automatic right for the other to live in the property or to have a share in any proceeds of sale.

A cohabitee who is not the owner will have to show that he or she is a licensee. Basically, this gives the right to occupy the home for a period of time, but it is not relevant to the question of a share in the proceeds of sale.

The best protection is to show you have an "interest" in the property. But to do so you have to rely on the strict rules of property law, if there is no written documentation, such as a declaration of trust, or if there are not substantial financial contributions to the purchase or mortgage, the rigid application of property law, unlike divorce law, is loath to take into account other contributions to domestic life.

A judge in a recent case said: "Setting up house together, having a baby, making payments to general housekeeping expenses (not strictly necessary to enable the mortgage to be paid) might all be referable to the mutual love and affection of the parties and not specifically referable to expectation of an interest in the house."

If a cohabitee does manage to show that he or she has an interest in the property, or indeed even if the couple are co-owners, what the court can then do with the property on the split-up is severely limited.

On a divorce, the court has wide-reaching powers to deal with the matrimonial home. Not only can it order a sale of the property, but it can also transfer the home from one spouse to another. But on the break-up of a cohabiting relationship, the court has no means to transfer the home from one cohabitee to the other so that one of them can remain in the home. The court can decide only on a person's share in the property and when the property should be sold.

A useful book is Going it Alone, Your Rights and Relationship Breakdown - A Guide for Unmarried Women, by Anne McNicholas, and is available from SHAC, 189A Old Brompton Road, London SW5 0AR, at £2.50, including postage.

Susan Fieldman

Legal aid snag for ex-wives

Some husbands may welcome a recent High Court ruling in which a judge decided that the former Beattie Ringo Starr was entitled to "buy off" his ongoing maintenance commitments to his ex-wife by making a single lump sum payment to her.

But, while such a move could be seen by many as a means of finally shaking off the financial shackles of divorce, many ex-wives, even if they agree to such a move, can find an unpleasant sting in the tail of such an arrangement.

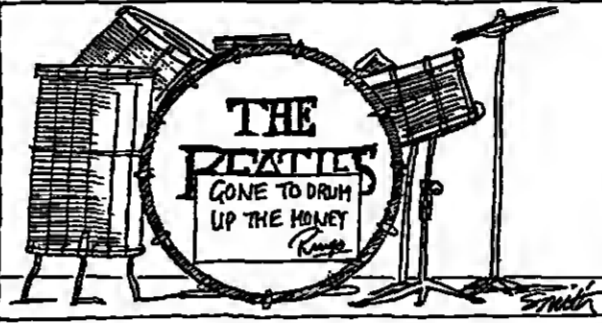
This was spotlighted in another recent High Court decision and can mean that the ex-wife will receive in her hand only a fraction of the sum her former husband has agreed to pay her.

In such situations wives who have received legal aid to fight their maintenance battles - and the bulk of cases of this type are funded in this way - will have to reimburse the legal aid fund out of the lump sum they receive.

This applies only to lump sums. If there has been an agreement, or a court ruling that maintenance should be in the form of "periodical payments", then there are no provisions for legal aid to be reimbursed from that.

The situation means that ex-wives, whose former husbands wish to buy out their ongoing maintenance commitments with a once-and-for-all lump sum payment, must beware.

They must take steps to ensure that any lump sum they accept or are awarded, takes into full account their legal costs. In a recent case before



Mr Justice Lacey that raised this point, a wife who had agreed to accept £7,000 from her former husband in lieu of maintenance payments found herself faced with the unexpected prospect of paying back around £4,600 she had received from legal aid support.

The result was that she had "sold" her maintenance rights, not for the £7,000 she had agreed to but for a mere £2,400! The judge refused to rule that the legal aid pay-back should not apply to lump sum payments made in such cases.

Roger Pearson

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There's no pain like home



A woman at war with the builders: Sheelagh Barron in her problem house

When Sheelagh Barron moved her family into a new £98,500 house just before Christmas she thought her troubles were over. The family had sold their house in London the previous March. Since then they had tried and failed to buy another home no fewer than five times.

"We were desperate," says Mrs Barron. "We had been living in rented accommodation for months with a one-year-old child. I was expecting our second baby in February. We moved into the house on the understanding that the problems would be rectified. We just wanted to start creating a home again."

But seven months later the Barrons' library of 2,000 books is still stuck in a wardrobe. Last week the builders were fitting a new front door after several abortive attempts. The wooden ceiling in the kitchen still awaits renewal and the peeling paintwork still needs to be redone throughout the entire house.

"It was only after we moved in having completed the purchase that we realized just how much needed doing and redoing," says Mrs Barron. "As with all new houses, you put your deposit down on the strength of seeing the showhouse. Frankly, if this one is up to the standard of

that in a year from moving in, I shall be very surprised."

In January Broseleys, one of Britain's biggest house-building firms, agreed to repair the house. Work would start in June. "I didn't want people painting in the house when I had just had a new baby because of the fumes," says Mrs Barron. "But they had plenty of other things they could have been putting right meanwhile."

Mrs Barron says coving on ceilings was coming adrift in places. There were crooked door frames and a front door through which you could see daylight, cracking under the windows so bad that moulding had to be inserted, poor joints in the plasterboard and many other unique features in dire need of correction.

The wooden ceiling in the kitchen started sagging even before the Barrons moved in. Broseleys put up another one which in its turn now needs to be replaced. In fairness, Broseleys have twice tried to renew it but each time the wood has been too damaged to use.

"It makes me furious," says Mrs Barron, "to see the builders building other houses on the development while it has taken us so long to get them back here to put our home right. It took till the middle of May, five months after we moved in, to get the builders to start work. They were supposed to be finished in six weeks but they are still here."

"There are two things I am really cross about. First, the fact that Broseleys seemed to be able to take as long as they like to put things right. Secondly, there seems to be no way we can get adequate compensation for the months of inconvenience and misery caused. We couldn't even sell the house in this state."

Like all new homes, the Barrons' house is covered by the National House Builders' Council (NHBC) certificate.

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Mrs Barron believes she ought to get substantial compensation. Broseleys have so far offered her £500, which she regards as derisory.

"I asked for my £9,800 deposit back," she said. "That is what it would probably have cost Broseleys to put us all up in a hotel while they were putting things right. The only thing I could do would be to go to court, but as everyone knows that costs a lot of money."

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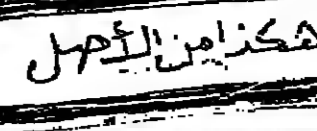
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Speedy Rosberg plans to retire after season

From John Blunsden Hockenheim



Rosberg: pips Mansell

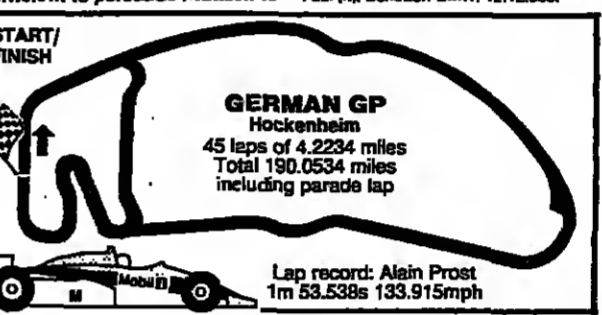
Yesterday belonged to Keke Rosberg here, and the Finnish driver was the centre of attention twice in a matter of hours. Shortly before practice for the German Grand Prix tomorrow, he issued a statement announcing his decision to retire from motor racing at the end of the season. Then, during the first qualifying period, he delivered a fine message that he does not intend to ease up until his final chequered flag.

Both drivers had timed their efforts during a heat-long session which was punctuated by light drizzle, causing the majority of drivers to fail to deliver times appropriate to their potential.

Busy Lyle decides to stay in Europe

By Mitchell Platts

Sandy Lyle has definitely decided to withdraw from the US PGA championship in Toledo, Ohio, next month. He was confirmed that by competing at Toledo he would tax his energy to such a degree that it could affect his performances throughout the rest of the European season.



GERMAN GP
Hockenheim
45 laps of 2.234 miles
Total 100.534 miles including parade lap

Lyle does not have to play in the 15 tournaments required of members of the US PGA Tour because he finished 132nd in the money list last year, thus guaranteeing entry to events in 1986 through sponsors' invitations.

Asmussen to shine on Acushla

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

After some ticklish negotiations, the services of the French-trained American, Cash Asmussen, have been secured by the Vincent O'Brien stable as a stand-in for Pat Eddery at Phoenix Park this afternoon.

LINGFIELD PARK

Going good

Draw: high numbers best, but on soft ground low numbers favoured

5.45 MANIFESTO MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div 1) 2-Y-O: £991: 6f (15 runners)

3	09 BELLE CELESTE R Hutchinson 8-11	P Hutchison 21
4	020 COLOR ARTIST J Winter 9-11	S Waltham 10
10	12 DRAKIS K Bready 5-11	S Waltham 6
12	05 SPARKY BIRD B Dwyer 6-11	R Conry 9
16	056 LADY MANTLE (USA) J Dunlop 8-11	P Waldron 15
20	04 LADY WESTGATE M Usher 8-11	M Wigham 3
23	081 LINDA'S TRIP R Armstrong 8-11	P Waldron 7
25	00 LISAHAM P Mullen 9-11	T Williams 12
26	01 MISS LAURENT M Sheehan 8-11	NON-RUNNER
28	03 LINDA'S TRIP R Armstrong 8-11	P Waldron 7
29	04 BIBBLETT P Waldron 8-11	Paul Eddery 14
30	037 SPYGLASS B Bready 5-11	M Wigham 3
35	027 COVER D Brown 11-11	M Wigham 3
42	2 VEVLA L Carson 8-11	R Guest 2
51	2 WINDY WAVE O Gray 8-11	W Wigham 3

WARWICK

Going good to firm

Draw: low numbers best up to 1m

£2.60 GARRRICK MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £246: 5f (14 runners)

3	00 HOLTS WAVE (USA) (BFI) Balding 5-11	A Clark 4
4	00 HOLTS WAVE (USA) (BFI) Balding 5-11	D Williams (7) 0
10	00 RENIC J Bay 8-11	W Woods (2) 0
11	07 EBELI RUMOURD R Simpson 6-11	P Waldron 7
12	002 HOLTS WAVE (USA) (BFI) Balding 5-11	M Wigham 3
13	000 LADY WESTGATE M Usher 8-11	I Johnson 11
15	00 LITTLE GOLDEN A Sweeney 8-11	O Bester 5
16	002 HOLTS WAVE (USA) (BFI) Balding 5-11	R Cochrane 13
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Essex University has announced the following degrees:

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 Class 1: A. B. ...
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Class 1: A. B. ...
 Class 2: C. D. ...
 Class 3: E. F. ...

Law

Class 1: A. B. ...
 Class 2: C. D. ...
 Class 3: E. F. ...

Political Science and Art History

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Acutenango to extend his winning run

Acutenango, winner of the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud three weeks ago, can extend his winning sequence to 10 at Düsseldorf of the tomorrow, Steve Caughan rode him at Saint-Cloud but the stable jockey, George Boscaik, takes over for the £33,898 Grosser Preis von Berlin, a group one race over 1 1/2 miles.

His main rival is likely to be the Irish challenger, Theoretical (Michael Kinane). Last year's Irish Derby runner-up failed on his only outing this season, when in favour for the Hardcourt Stakes, but may still be good enough to take second place.

Tarib (Richard Hills), a winner at Baden-Baden in May and only just touched off by Polykrates at Sandown on July 20, can gain a second German success on the 13.2 furlong Ostermann-Pölkow over six furlongs at Gelsenkirchen-Fursten today.

In France, Thrill Show (Alfred Ribes), who has won both his races in good style, can successfully set his group company the £19,466 Prix Deiphis at Evry today.

Corrections

In the list of thesis honours from the University of Wales the names of L G Allen, M J Peacock and B A Pope were omitted from the BSc, geography, section at the University College, Aberystwyth. A T Evans, I L Morris and S Williams were awarded degrees in physics, not geography. The heading UCW Bangor was omitted from the second column.

In the degrees awarded by the University of East Anglia the names of Debora A Margerum and Charlotte L K Morley were omitted from the BA, School of Art History and Music, section, class II, division 2.

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Class 1: A. B. ...
Class 2: C. D. ...
Class 3: E. F. ...

Dancing Brave's ability to accelerate should prove the crucial factor

By Mandarín (Michael Phillips)

While it may be a trifle unfair to those other good horses who have contested the race since 1975, the fact remains that this year's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes is being hailed as the most exciting on the course since Grundy just touched off Bustino on the corresponding occasion 11 years ago.

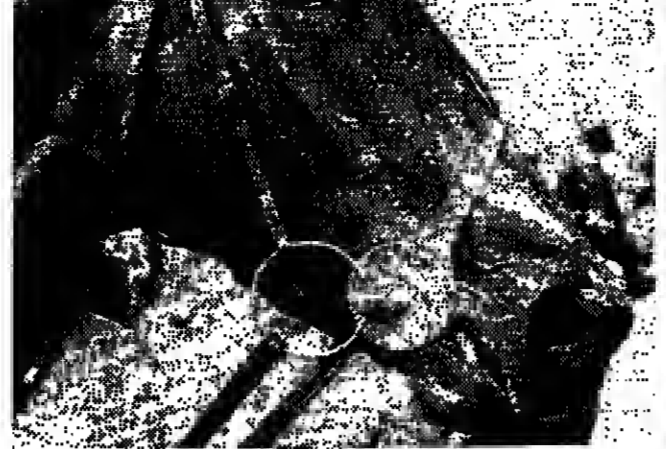
Epsom to finish just half a length behind Shahrastani. He will also be at pains not to give his principal rival such a start today in what is bound to be a fast run race on a track which has a notoriously short straight.

What I like about Dancing Brave is the fact that he has beaten top class older horses. To do it by four lengths when, to quote his trainer, Guy Harwood, "We only just managed to get him there because he had to have a rest after his Epsom ordeal" was a performance of real merit in my book. Now the word from Pulborough is that Dancing Brave is better than he was on Eclipse day.

If that turns out to be the case he will be a very tough nut to crack indeed and he is my nap, even though Shahrastani is one of his opponents again.

The presence of pacemakers brings memories of 1975 flooding back. On that occasion Dick Hern fielded Highest and Kinglet to blaze the way for Bustino in the hope that they would find a chink in Grundy's stamina. They did not. And I believe that the same play will fail again today when Bolden and Vouchsafe are there solely to do all the donkey work for Petroski, the winner of the race 12 months ago.

Also in 1975 it was the lot of the crack French filly, Dahlia, to follow Grundy and Bustino home in third place. Now that prize may well be the best that the connections of Triptych can hope for. She was beaten



Head-on confrontation: Dancing Brave (left) and Shahrastani, whose second meeting could draw a record crowd to Ascot



Ives to ride as first jockey to Balding

Ian Balding confirmed yesterday that Tony Ives will ride as first jockey to the King George stable next season. The announcement followed Ives's statement on Thursday that he would be moving on from Bill O'Gorman's Newmarket yard.

Ellison steady to disa York

The makings of a perfect match

By Michael Seely
This afternoon's clash between Shahrastani and Dancing Brave at Ascot irresistibly recalls those battles between Sebastian Coe and Steve Overt in the early part of the decade. Shahrastani, the proven stayer will, like Coe, be forcing the pace some way from home to attempt to sap the energy from Dancing Brave, who, like Overt, possesses a formidable burst of finishing speed.

The whole case history of Shahrastani shows him to be an ideal middle distance type, capable of running three quarters consecutively at a strong gallop. The Mecca-Dante was significant in that respect as after penetrating the gallop in the penultimate furlong, he raised the tempo in the final one to 12.18. This showed his courage and the fact that he found extra pace.

The day's riding honours went unquestionably to Willie Carson, who had been grounded for the best part of a week with a bad back after being thrown in the parade ring at Newbury, Carson, looking in very good fettle, proved his need to team up with Petroski in today's big race by riding a 1000-1 treble on Satisfaction, Cree Bay and Petrizzo.

BIG RACE FIELD

- 3.20 KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES (Group I: £152,468: 1m 4f) (9 runners)
- 301 210-000 BOLDLEN (c) Bold Lad - Golden Keep (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 4-9-7. F Cook 6 (beaver brown, maple leaf green cross belts, red cap)
- 302 112-113 DIHISTAN (BF) (c) b Tyrnavos - Damosa (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 4-9-7. A Kimberley 7 (green, red satin)
- 303 2011-33 PETOSKI (BF) (CD) (c) b Ninkali - Sushila (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 4-9-7. W Carson 5 (beaver brown, maple leaf green cross belts and cap)
- 304 11-241 SHARDARI (CD) (c) b Top Villa - Sharmada (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 4-9-7. S Caughen 6 (green, and chocolate hoops, chocolate cap)
- 305 0-11330 SUPREME LEADER (c) b Bustino - Princess Zena (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 4-9-7. A Murray 2 (royal blue, white hoops, striped cap)
- 306 0-0410 VOUCHSAFE (c) b Bustino - Gracious Consent (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 4-9-7. B Procter 4 (beaver brown, maple leaf green cross belts, white cap)
- 307 03-4212 TRIPTYCH (b f Riverman - Trillion) (A Clure) P L Biancone (F) 4-9-4. Y Saint-Martin 5 (light blue, blue and mauve halved sleeves)
- 308 11-1121 DANCING BRAVE (c) b Lyphard - Navajo Princess (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-8. Pat Eddery 1 (green with pink sash and cap, white sleeves)
- 309 2-1111 SHAHRASTANI (ch c Nipstky - Stademah) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-8-8. W R Swinburn 3 (green, red and white)

Today's course specialists

- ASCOT
TRAINERS: G Harwood, 37 winners from 155 runners, 23.9% J Time, 15 from 71, 21.1%; J Sutcliffe, 5 from 26 at 19.2%.
- JOCKEYS: W Carson, 41 winners from 263 rides, 15.6%; Pat Eddery, 40 from 251, 15.9%; A Murray, 8 from 63, 12.7%.
- AYR
TRAINERS: G Pritchard-Gordon, 14 winners from 46 runners, 30.4%; M H Easterby, 17 from 103, 16.5%.
- JOCKEYS: T Has, 23 winners from 113 rides, 20.4%; D Nichols, 20 from 131, 15.3%; N Connonan, 14 from 104, 13.5%.
- NEWCASTLE
TRAINERS: G Pritchard-Gordon, 10 from 48, 20.8%; B Hills, 8 from 50, 16.8%.
- JOCKEYS: M Stoute, 27 winners from 196 rides, 13.8%; J Lowe, 21 from 216, 9.7%; L Chmouk, 12 from 138, 8.7%.
- WARWICK
TRAINERS: G Pritchard-Gordon, 8 winners from 52 runners, 15.4%; S Norton, 7 from 41, 17.1%; B Hills, 14 from 94, 14.9%.
- JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 11 winners from 61 rides, 18.1%; P Cook, 12 from 66, 14.0%; G Baxter, 18 from 81, 22.3%.

How the principals shape up

DANCING BRAVE
Height: 16 hands (64 ins).
Weight: 1,075lb.
Date of birth: May 11, 1983.
Jockey: Pat Eddery.
Trainer: Guy Harwood.
Owner: Khalid Abdulla.
Colours: Green, red epaulettes.
Breeder: The Aga Khan, U.S.
Breeding: Nipstky - Stademah.
Prize money won: £541,173.
Recent form: June 28, Curragh, Budweiser Irish Derby Stakes (Group I), 1st.
June 4, Epsom, Ever Ready Derby Stakes (Group II), 1st.
May 14, York, Mecca-Dante Stakes (Group II), 1st.
April, Sandown Park, Guardian Classic Trip (Group III), 1st.

SHAHRASTANI

Height: 15 hands 2 1/2 ins (62 1/2 ins).
Weight: 1,050lb.
Date of birth: March 27, 1983.
Jockey: Walter Swinburn.
Trainer: Michael Stoute.
Owner: The Aga Khan.
Colours: Green, red epaulettes.
Breeder: The Aga Khan, U.S.
Breeding: Nipstky - Stademah.
Prize money won: £541,173.
Recent form: June 28, Curragh, Budweiser Irish Derby Stakes (Group I), 1st.
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5-4 Shahrastani, Dancing Brave, 13-2 Shardari, 14-1 Petroski, 20-1 Triptych, 50-1 Dihistan, 66-1 Supreme Leader, 500-1 Bolden, Vouchsafe.

LINGFIELD PARK
TRAINERS: H Cecil, 19 winners from 38 runners, 50.0%; G Harwood, 37 from 154, 24.0%; J Sutcliffe, 14 from 65, 18.5%.- JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 23 winners from 115 rides, 20.0%; S Caughen, 22 from 121, 18.2%; W Carson, 35 from 169, 18.5%.

Ascot selections
By Mandarín
2.0 Mawsuff, 2.35 Hiam, 3.20 DANCING BRAVE (nap), 3.55 Faiilg, 4.25 Lastcomer, 4.55 Aventino.

AYR
Going: good to firm
Draw: low numbers best
2.30 P G TIPS TEA CUP STAKES (Amateurs: £1,830: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

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AYR
Going: good to firm
Draw: low numbers best
2.30 P G TIPS TEA CUP STAKES (Amateurs: £1,830: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

NEWCASTLE
Going: good to firm
Draw: no advantage
1.45 DILSTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m) (9 runners)

Hampshire
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TENNIS

Storming victory for gold medals

Cheers can again inspire an outsider

By Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent



There is the same warm welcome and the same cooling breeze as 16 years ago when we ran around the track in the morning sunshine with the Fourth Estuary gleaming below. We were a group of decent club runners, some more than decent - in fact, one of our number, Keith Ralston, of Tipina, nicknamed "Killer" because he worked as a butcher, had won the national junior cross-country that year.

We had borrowed a small marquee and 12 of us were camping on the Dalkeith Road. We were having a great time. But we had a problem. We had got tickets for all but the opening session of the 1970 Commonwealth Games. But we were not going to miss the 10,000 metres. This was the staff we had been weaned on - cross-country in winter, 5,000 and 10,000 metres in the track in summer. What is more, it was going to be one of the great 10,000-metre races.

There was Nafith Temm, the title-holder and reigning Olympic champion. Temm had beaten the legendary Ron Clarke. There was Dick Taylor, who lived on either side of the Midlands from us in Coventry. The wiser-cracking Taylor had written the British record books at 5,000 and 10,000 metres. He had even beaten the legendary Clarke. And then there was Clarke himself.

The Australian was the world record-holder, who had broken not just one world record by the age of 26. Yet, somehow, Clarke had managed to win the gold medal in an international championship. This was his last chance and with little thought of jinxing, even allowing for Taylor, whom we knew, we wanted Clarke to win. Not too many people, even in Scotland, gave Lachlan Stewart much chance.

But Stewart, who got a "great kick" out of running, on Thursday evening, before the opening ceremony, recalled yesterday that "few people realized that I went into that race with the second fastest time of the season. I felt I could get a medal, but I didn't think it would be gold."

Running of heats annoys competitors

Steve Oveit will be required to run a heat in the 5,000 metres after all. Only 17 entries have been received, but two heats have been scheduled for Monday with eight men in each and nine in the other. Twelve will go through to the final on Thursday.

Gordon Wright, the athletics manager of England, was annoyed when he heard of the decision to go ahead with the heats. Tim Robinson, from Crawley, ranked first in the Commonwealth, said: "It is ridiculous that we are not running a straight final. There was a bigger field for the two miles in Birmingham last weekend and it looks as though the organizers have expected the heats to fill up their programme without any consideration for the athletes."

We solved the problem of our tickets easily enough. These were the days of lambswool, two years before the Manchester ozone. We just put on our track spikes, ran through the open gates of Pollock Hall, the athletes' village and got on an official bus, which took us straight into the stadium.

We saw Temm and the rest drop away, leaving Clarke and Taylor, who were alternating with Stewart. "People asked why I didn't do some of the leading, but I wasn't asking. Clarke and Taylor were having a wee word to each other, agreeing to lead alternately. I knew with two laps to go I could win. But I left it to the last 100 metres to make sure. The noise from the crowd was just fantastic."

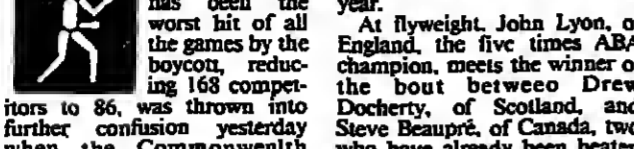
And it is that same Meadowbank roar that can lift Allister Hutton over Jon Solly, Mike McLoud and Steve Binns, the English favourites. Steve Jones for Wales and the other five contestants who are all within seconds of each other. Jamie Marsh and Paul Sheard, of Guernsey, have to be discounted. And as Stewart says of the unfortunate British victims: "It's their loss, not mine."

The hammer is less affected by absence, and should be a straight fight between Dave Smith and Matt Milhaman, of England. Martin Glavin, of Northern Ireland, and Joe Hagger and Judy Simpson were new to their close rivalry in the heptathlon, with Daley Thompson beginning his latest onslaught on the decathlon world record tomorrow. Colin Jackson, of Wales, the world junior title holder, will get a glimpse of just how good Mark McKoy, of Canada, is in the hurdles heats this afternoon. The Ben Johnson, the outstanding favourite, runs the 100 metres heats. And with the loss of the Nigerians and Jamaica's Roger Black now looks to be the only contender to Darren Clark, of Australia, in the 400 metres.

Boxing veto causes difficulties

Federation veto increases considerable confusion

By Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent



Boxing, which has been the worst hit of all the sports by the boycott, reducing 168 competitors to 86, was thrown into further confusion yesterday when the Commonwealth Games Federation decided to veto the special three-cornered tournament between England, Scotland and Northern Ireland to bolster the Sunday programme which had been reduced to four bouts. Our aim was to give the public value for money," Frank Hendry, the director of the Games' boxing, said yesterday.

No reason was given by the Federation for the ban but it is believed that they were annoyed that the boycott was not sought first before going ahead with the arrangements and releasing the news to the Press. Another point of view is that the Federation believed the tournament might have further downgraded the Games' boxing.

The ban means that the boxing will either have to be spread over more than the original 11 sessions or be reduced to eight or even six sessions. The hopes of Kevin Hickley, the England coach, that James O'Connell, his super-heavyweight, might have an easy passage into the final of the three-man division, were dashed when the draw yesterday pitted O'Connell against Lennox Lewis, of Canada, the 1985 world junior champion and silver medal winner in the 1985 World Cup.

Nor did Hickley have much luck with his other gold-medal hope, Rod Douglas, at middleweight. Douglas has run up against yet another Canadian, Egerton Marcus, who won the silver medal in the world championships in Reno this year.

At flyweight, John Lyon, of England, the five times ABA champion, meets the winner of the bout between Drew Docherty, of Scotland, and Steve Beaupré, of Canada, two who have already been beaten by the Englishman but are thirsting for revenge. If Lyons gets through he is almost certain to meet yet another old rival who is wanting to square the account, Kerry Webber, of Wales who has drawn Leonard Makhanya, of Swaziland.

In the heavyweight division the home countries come up against each other quickly. Kevin McCormack, of Wales, meets Douglas, of Scotland, and the winner faces Eric Cardouza, the Englishman. At the light heavyweight England and Scotland appeared to have fared rather better. Harry Lawson, of Scotland, has drawn Noel O'Connell, of Canada, and Jim Moran will be meeting Pu'a Don Ulberg, of Western Samoa. But Byron Pullen, of Wales must take on Gerald Storey of Northern Ireland.

It is typical of these Games that after the draw was made everyone including officials, boxers and the media were given a fright. They were told that the draw might have to be made again if the Welsh pulled out of their team because of the boycott of the Commonwealth Games Federation to ban two athletes who were called up at the last minute to make up the numbers. It was feared that other countries might want to bring in late entries if the Welsh were allowed to withdraw. At this late stage of the Games Federation have re-allocated and as a result the Welsh withdrew their threat.

Cooper succumbs

Malcolm Cooper, the England flag-bearer at the opening ceremony, had the spotlight taken away from him by a Canadian student, Sharon Bowers, aged 19, who is half his age, when the shooting competition began yesterday. Cooper, winner of six medals in Brisbane four years ago, collected another bronze in the air rifle pairs with Robert Smith, but the Games record was shattered by Bowers, an attractive blonde, the only woman to beat Cooper. She finished with a score of 1,137, coincidentally the same as that of the British flag-bearer at the opening ceremony, but the Canadian student, Sharon Bowers, aged 19, who is half his age, when the shooting competition began yesterday.

Cooper, an Olympic gold medal winner in the three-position rifle event, said after scoring 579 points in his weakest competition yesterday. "I was hoping to get close to 590. I was below par so maybe I'll be above par in my other events. I'm not normally as quick as I was today and I don't know why that was." The winner of a record six medals in the 1982 Games, Cooper was the first to finish his 60 shots. Bowers used up all but two minutes of her two and a quarter hours. But she finished with the only maximum 100 in any of the six rounds of shooting, including an incredible 17 successive bulls, to make up for the disappointment of Los Angeles. "I missed the Olympic bronze by one point. I nearly always start well and finish well."

They won the gold with 1,167 points and Bowers was the top individual scorer with 590, only 10 short of the maximum. Australia, through Wolfgang Jobst and Anton Wurfel, were second with 1,151, five points ahead of Cooper and Smith. Oliver Allan and Bill MacNeill, of Scotland, the defending champions, finished only joint

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Rolling along: A Northern Ireland pair sway to curve of the wood (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Welshman scares Thomson

By Gordon Allan

Andy Thomson, of England, one of the leading contenders in the Commonwealth Games singles, beat Ray Hill, of Wales, 21-19 in his opening match at Balgreen yesterday. Thomson's relief at the end was plain to see for Hill, a retired headmaster, had run his match closer than at one time seemed likely.

Thomson, bowling confidently, led 16-9 before Hill scored four shots on one end to change the complexion of the game. Later the climax was 19-11 with Hill holding at least one shot. But Thomson took out the shot bowl with his last word to score 2 for victory.

Davis sends a warning sign to rival

Victor Davis, of Canada, set a chilling message for Adrian Moorhouse, of Wales, as the two breaststroke rivals set up their Commonwealth 100 metres final showdown in Edinburgh yesterday.

The Canadian, aged 22, recorded the fastest time in the world this year - 62.56secs - to beat the qualifiers. It was more than seven-tenths of a second quicker than Moorhouse, who was the second fastest with 63.21.

Davis has dominated the 200-metre breaststroke for the past four years but has never won a major 100-metre title, and Moorhouse denied him the gold medal in Brisbane four years ago. The Canadian camp expected Davis to go close to Steven Lundquist's world record of 61.55 in last night's final.

But Moorhouse was far from despondent, having recorded 63.21sec. This was only 32 of a second outside his British record.

Sarah Hardcastle's performance in the 400-metre medley topped an encouraging start for the England team. Already favoured to win both the 400- and 800-metre freestyle golds, the Southend teenager had a real chance of a treble by setting the fastest qualifying time for the medley. She produced a personal best of 4min 50.02sec to finish 30 ahead of the Australian, Suzanne Landells.

Kevin Boys, of South Tyneside, set a personal best of 3min 57.48sec, achieving the second fastest qualifying time for the 400-metre freestyle.

Nicola Fibbens, of Hartford, was just one-hundredth of a second slower than Jane Kett, of Canada, who headed the qualifiers for the women's 100-metre freestyle. Miss Fibbens recorded 57.64sec while Annabella Cripps swam 58.99.

Cumberland's Jean Hill slashed over three seconds off her Scottish record in the 400-metre medley final in 4min 56.19sec.

The Welshman, Chris Rees and Lyndon Williams, looked like beating Bill Thomson and Rikki Keag in straight games. That helped Wales to a 3-2 win over Northern Ireland, who beat them in the European championships.

Smith's easy win in Games regatta Badminton team's match win surprise

England row into sculling final

By Jim Railton

The regatta opened at the Strathclyde Park in Strathclyde yesterday with six races in the men's sculling events, aimed at eliminating four crews from the Commonwealth Games competition. The unlucky scullers were Jim Sloane, of Scotland, and Leslie Grech, of Gibraltar, in the lightweight single sculls and Northern Ireland, and Stuart Bensden, of Gibraltar, in the heavyweight singles. Lightweight singles sculler Carl Smith opened up England's account with an easy victory qualifying directly for today's final.

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SPORT

Taylor call-up sets poor precedent

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S New Zealand, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 180 runs behind England.

Slow progress was made yesterday in the first Test match, sponsored by Cornhill, with New Zealand again having rather the better of things.

Having bowled England out for 307 they replied with 127 for two, after being at one time five for two.

Injuries prevented French from keeping wicket for England and Willey from bowling. French not knowing quite where he was after being hit while batting and Willey twisting the knee which already carries so many of the scars of battle.

ings Hadlee took five wickets or more. He finished with six for 80 in 37.5 overs, having delighted even the most fastidious of old-timers by performing his wonders off a short run and mostly to a full length.

As a member of the same county side as Hadlee, French might have been expected to know what to expect from him. Perhaps, that being so, he would have feared the worst.

It was not a bouncer so much as a short ball which hit him. Hadlee dug it in, intending it to lift, and it did so. As French turned away, he was hit on the back of the helmet. An anxious 10 minutes followed.

does, it would be unreasonable for their last five batsmen to be exempt from having to face short-pitched bowling. At No 8 in the original order, French had to face the music.

His mishap may prompt the England selectors to see the need to start blooding an all-rounder or two.

I can only think it was because he had French's injury on his conscience, which he had no need to do, that Coney, New Zealand's captain, agreed to England's wicket being kept by Taylor. This seemed to me to be a wholly undesirable precedent.

Scoreboard

Table with 3 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes England: First Innings, G A Gooch c Smith b Hadlee 18, G R Illingworth b Hadlee 27, G D Athey c J Crowe b Hadlee 44, D J Gower c M Crowe b Bracewell 62, M W Gatting b Hadlee 2, P Wisley b W Watson 34, P H Edmunds c M Crowe b Hadlee 6, 18 N French retired hurt 0, G R Illingworth c Gooch b Dilley 17, N A Foster b Watson 8, N V Radford not out 12, Extras (b 6, lb 7, nb 7) 20.

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Considering the possibilities, help was an unconscionably long time coming, and it was with the greatest relief, after French had been carried off, that we heard he was resting with nothing worse than three stitches in the back of his head. When a side's tail starts at No 7, as England's



Heading for gold: the England cycling team in yesterday's 100km team trial (Photograph: Tom Kidd)

Data service gets its results in a twist

By John Goodbody

Competition in the Commonwealth Games began amid more difficulties yesterday with the organizers encountering problems with the results and communications service so essential to the smooth running of a major event.

striving to get the Games snipsnap used saws on the wood and asbestos partitions close to the sensitive areas used for computing the results. Wilhelm Gerner, owner of Wiggle-Data, said yesterday: "We have had to stop work for eight hours and that means our computer programming is also eight hours behind. It is the worst situation I have encountered anywhere in Europe. We will be back to full operation by tomorrow."

cotts are the lightest events in the weight-lifting. In the under-52kg trials there were only three competitors, but Scotland, the host nation, who had two lifters in the division, still failed to win the gold medal. The title went to the Australian, Greg Hayman, with a total for the snatch and clean and jerk of 212.5 kilos. He finished 27.5 kilos ahead of the leading Scot, Charlie Revolta.

Gateshead on August 5. The Great Britain v Commonwealth match was originally designed as a follow-up to the Edinburgh Games but the British Amateur Athletic Board have decided to include boycotted stars in the Commonwealth team. Two top 400m runners, Bert Cameron, the world champion from Jamaica, and Innocent Egbunike, of Nigeria, plus the Jamaican sprinter, Grace Jackson, have already been confirmed for the match.

HORSE TRIALS

Top names for event in Cumbria

Virginia Leng, the world champion, and Lucinda Green, the former world champion, are among the formidable list of entries for this weekend's Croft Original Holker Hall horse trials in Cumbria. The event, which begins today with six novice sections, was started just five years ago but in that time Tony Evans's big well-built courses, together with the good parkland going, have made it a favourite with the riders. Captain Mark Phillips, Princess Anne, Ian Stark and Robert Lemieux are among those competing.

CYCLING

Hinault bows to relaxed LeMond

"I feel I've finally won it," sighed a relaxed, very relaxed, Greg LeMond after finishing the 21st stage of the Tour de France at the 5,000 ft summit of the stunningly beautiful Puy de Dome mountain, exactly six minutes behind Eric Maechler, the stage winner of Switzerland, but 52sec ahead of Bernard Hinault, his only remaining rival. The American, aged 26, now leads the Tour by more than three minutes with only two stages left before the finish on the Champs Elysee tomorrow.

TENNIS

A match worth winning

As a piece of one-upmanship there was nothing to beat it. In the middle of a Federation Cup competition that had, until yesterday, been totally dominated by Martina Navratilova's return to her homeland, Hana Mandlikova jumped the queue at the Prague Town Hall and got married.

Ipswich agree terms for Butcher

Ipswich Town have agreed terms with Glasgow Rangers for the transfer of Terry Butcher. Rangers appear to have pipped Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United in the race for the England defender with their cash offer of just over £700,000.

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If the deal goes through, the money will considerably reduce Ipswich's overdraft, but now it is up to Butcher to agree personal terms. Butcher said: "My wife and I would be more than willing to set up home north of the border as long as they meet my terms. I will be 28 soon and a

Comeback for a good cause

Pat Jennings, who has been trying to retire gracefully for years, will be back in the firing-line tomorrow night, facing Diego Maradona and a squad of South American talent. He is playing for the Rest of the World against the Americas in the Rose Bowl to assist UNICEF, the United Nations children's fund.

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McEnroe in groove John McEnroe, after a break of six months, forced Ivan Lendl, the world No. 1, into a tiebreak in the final set before losing 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 in the Forum Challenge Series in Inglewood, California, on Thursday night. "I played well, on-sideering," McEnroe said. He is rated No. 7 in the world despite his absence from the game while Tatum O'Neal, the actress, gave birth to their baby boy. The boisterous crowd was clearly behind McEnroe until he faltered in the final tiebreak to give Lendl the £75,000 winner's cheque.

Wigg at helm

Simon Wigg, of Oxford, will captain England in the speedway World Team Cup next month against Denmark, the champions, Sweden and the United States. Jeremy Doncaster (Ipswich), Neil Everts (Bradford), Chris Morton (Belle Vue) and Kelvin Tatum (Coventry) - complete England's team for the matches in Göteborg, Vojens and Bradford.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Wolverhampton Council have made a £1.1 million offer to buy Molineux stadium. John Bird, the council leader, also confirmed that more money could be made available to help any consortium willing to take over the threatened fourth division club who are due back in the High Court on Wednesday to face winding-up proceedings.

Lee threat

Michael Lee, the former world champion, yesterday put his bikes up for sale and threatened to quit speedway after being transfer-listed by Kings Lynn. "I'll can't ride for Lynn," he said yesterday. "I don't want to ride for anybody."

Dancing Brave, doubtful for Ascot rematch

Dancing Brave's participation in today's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes is in doubt yesterday morning. Guy Harwood, the colt's trainer, said at Ascot yesterday: "The horse is in tremendous form and we want to run him but the ground is good to soft at the moment. It wouldn't have to be a lot worse for him not to run."

Lighter load

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, has agreed to lend Clapton Football Club £2.5 million until a Sports Council grant in October is processed to bring their lighting to Vauxhall-Opel League standard.

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Cash boost

Northern Ireland canoeing, cycling, fencing, coarse fishing, handball, sailing, squash, trampolining and tug-of-war will receive an additional £30,000 from the Sports Council to fund development.

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Coe has drive to beat years

DAVID MILLER

Sebastian Coe stood on the track in Los Angeles with Steve Overt after the Olympic 800m final and remarked that they were becoming too old for it. Yet here is Coe, two years later and a month off 30, pearing himself to attempt the Commonwealth title at 800m, which he has never attempted, and the European title, which has twice eluded him. Moreover, in both championships he is also contesting the 1500m for the first time. What still gives him the will to run?

Cram admits that defeat by Coe in the 1,500m at Los Angeles helped drive him towards his second leading sequence last year side by side with Sald Anstis, comparable to Coe's exceptional spells in 1979 and 1981. Coe's illness in 1982-83, during which Cram won the Commonwealth, European and World titles at 1,500m, contributed to his

Rivalry motivated Olympic triumph

A back injury last year prevented Coe moving up to 5,000m; expediency therefore finds him pacing himself on ground in what should be his outstanding double duel of the Games in Edinburgh. When Bannister beat Lundy in 1953, who there were fewer nations in Vancouver than there are here, did anybody say the Games were a disaster?

"I have to face the fact that I'm giving away four or five years to my rivals, but I can't be bitter about the last years of '82-83, which should have been my best, when I was 27-27." Coe says. "I should have been stronger then through being older, and quicker than in 1981. As it is now, I think from the available evidence, I can win medals in both events at both championships."

Coe continues to plan much of his training with his father, who feels that his son's attitude of mind enables him, in the same way as Mike Bolt of Kenya, to maintain his short-distance speed when approaching 30. Peter Coe stresses that it would be a mistake to believe there was only one man to beat in Edinburgh or Stuttgart. "The reckless Cram is the one to beat for the gold medal."

The general opinion in track circles is that Cram should win both events in Edinburgh and the 1,500m in Stuttgart. He has looked stridently powerful in recent weeks, even though he concedes he can never hope to threaten Coe's 1981 record for 800m of 1:41.73. Yet Coe's recent 1,000m, the seventh fastest ever, makes for a fascinating scenario.

Coe unworried by tactical thoughts

early running, may mean Cram to go for a long finishing run from 300m with Coe's shoulder. Each has had a recent final 200m burst of just over 25 seconds. "I'm not worrying about tactics; I think I can cope with whatever happens," Coe says. He is not yet at a peak, arguing that for Stuttgart, but disconcertingly thinks he is "not in bad shape". Cram says that he would rather be remembered for championships he won than for records. Coe is there to stop him over the next five weeks.

Peter Coe, without being specific, thinks the stronger bid could be the 1,500m. "There are more variables in the 800m" - and has been careful not to overload recovery-time in training interval-running. Whether or not there are gold medals this summer, the excitement is that training times suggest a capacity to challenge Anstis in next year's world championship 5,000m. Peter Coe is wondering whether the duties of two and a half days a week as deputy chairman of the Sports Council will permit his son the necessary extra mileage.

For the moment, Cram will be wanting revenge for Los Angeles. Coe, who has refused to become publicly involved, would no doubt like to answer on the track; Cram's gratuitous criticisms of his running programme. There will be no spare seats at Meadowbank next Thursday and Saturday.

RACING

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